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Police take up positions atop one of the buildings in the compound of the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, Peru, where hundreds of people were taken hostage by rebels yesterday. (AP)

Rebels threaten to kill Peru hostages

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rebels who took hundreds of diplomats, business leaders and other top officials hostage at a glittering reception threatened late last night to kill the captives one by one, beginning in the afternoon with Peru's foreign minister.

"If in 20 minutes we do not have an answer (to demands) we will begin to take our first victim and the first victim will be Foreign Minister (Francisco) Tudela," the rebel commander told Peru's Channel Two television by telephone. "We can't wait any longer," Commandante Emilio Huertas said in an emotionless voice.

The threat was made at 19:00 Israel time, making the deadline 19:20. Nearly two hours later, there was no sign of any shootings — but four more hostages had been set free.

Huertas also demanded that President Alberto

Fujimori speak with the two dozen guerrillas from the Tupac Amaru movement who sneaked into the Japanese ambassador's residence by posing as waiters, carrying boxes of oysters and bottles of champagne.

They attacked as the party began Tuesday night, setting off explosions and exchanging gunfire with police for almost an hour. Two hostages and a rebel were reported wounded.

"We want to speak with Fujimori. We want the freedom of 300 fighters who are in prison," he said. He said his men had mined the grounds around the ambassador's residence.

The rebels said they were holding 490 people — a figure higher than reported by officials — after releasing about 170 people early in the standoff.

Most of those freed were women, including

Fujimori's mother and sister, although four men were released yesterday afternoon. It wasn't clear whether they were included in the count of 490.

Among the hostages were at least a dozen ambassadors from countries including Japan, Canada, Brazil, Cuba, South Korea, Germany, Austria and Venezuela. Peru's foreign and agriculture ministers, six legislators, the president of the Supreme Court, several Americans including four aid workers, and dozens of Japanese business people also were inside. US Ambassador Dennis Jett left the reception about a half-hour before the assault.

In Washington, the State Department condemned the hostage-taking and called for the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators.

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Lack of trust, not details, block Hebron deal

DAVID MAKOVSKY

A HEBRON pullback deal is being blocked due to the lack of trust between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat regarding Hebron's aftermath, and it has little to do with the remaining particulars of the deal itself, a US official said last night.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's communication director David Bar-Ilan indicated last night that he does not foresee any expansion of settlements that would enlarge the existing perimeter around any individual settlement and, therefore, Israel should not be accused of trying to add land to preempt negotiations on the final disposition of the territories.

He told *The Jerusalem Post*, "When we say settlement expansion, this is being misunderstood. I don't see us adding any more land mass to existing settlements in the territories. I hope we could add more families, but they would be living in the same amount of land." He said Palestinians need not be worried.

It should be noted Israel has often geographically defined settlements as including those areas which have already been approved for zoning by the authorities in years past, but remain undeveloped.

The US official indicated a summit between Netanyahu and Arafat would probably not be fruitful unless several conceptual issues of trust are resolved first.

Specifically, he said, "First, Arafat fears that once there is a Hebron deal, Netanyahu will embark upon settlement expansion. This would put the US in a

very difficult situation.

"Second, Netanyahu fears that Arafat will not be genuine in combating terrorism. Third, Arafat is concerned that Israel is not genuine in implementing [the] Oslo [II accord] beyond Hebron."

The US official continued, "We need an avoidance of settlement activity, an avoidance of terrorism and maintenance of security, and a commitment to invigorate the peace process after Hebron by implementing Oslo."

The US official deflected President Bill Clinton's criticism of settlement policy. "This president has avoided making settlements the issue for more than four years. He criticized George Bush for the way he handled the issue. When Bill Clinton starts expressing his real concern, he is attempting to send a signal to the government of Israel that its house is on fire."

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday, "We should change the channel on the settlement issue. We don't gain by this issue being talked about all the time. We should place our focus on security where there are concerns are better understood."

It should be noted that the Palestinians have yet to formally insist that halting settlement expansion be linked to a Hebron deal. Israel has insisted that expansion of existing settlements is not counter to a Hebron deal.

When asked in Vienna yesterday if he planned to meet Netanyahu, Arafat said, "I'm not against any meeting with Mr. Netanyahu. But not only for propaganda."

Speaking at a news conference in Vienna after meeting Austrian Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel, Arafat said, "I'm looking to have a constructive meeting to implement accurately and honestly what had been signed and what had been agreed upon in the White House under the supervision of President Clinton," he said.

Meanwhile, the flap over alleged remarks made by Bar-Ilan — in reaction to Clinton's comment that settlements are an "obstacle" to peace — has faded. Bar-Ilan made clear that he considered the issue over since he never said, as a reporter at a State Department characterized him as saying, that Clinton's words were a "semantic pose," since he used the term "minor semantic escalation," which the US should not view as insulting, and noted that he called State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns to clarify the matter.

Burns, who rapped Bar-Ilan the day before, did not issue his own clarification yesterday, as some US officials thought Israel was still shrugging off Clinton's comments.

While noting that Israel has its own policy on settlements, Bar-Ilan sought to emphasize that Clinton's comments were important and should not be minimized.

The issue of settlement activity is expected to figure highly in Foreign Minister David Levy's trip to Amman today. At a joint news conference in Amman yesterday with Tunisian Prime Minister Hamed Karoui, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti said that he would

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Uri Geller opens UFO conference

HAIM SHAPIRO

JUST in case you're wondering what happened to Uri Geller, he's alive and well, and, at the age of 50, he can still bend spoons.

Israel's most famous ESP practitioner, whose birthday is next week, was the main attraction at a press conference at the Jerusalem Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel this week, to announce a conference on UFOs this weekend.

All 500 places at the conference, which will be held in Eilat, are sold out, according to organizer Carlos Ben Nun, and he is presently seeking a larger venue to accommodate another 200 would-be participants.

Looking extremely fit for his age, with a shock of pitch black hair, Geller wore a T-shirt bearing the logo of *Encounters*, a magazine he now publishes. A current issue features an apparent giant face carved out of the mountains of Mars, a photograph which, the magazine says, NASA tried to suppress.

He told of his own experiences with UFOs, starting at the age of four, when he heard a terrific noise and found himself facing a burning ball from which a ray came out and pierced him. It was after this, he said, that he began to discern his own powers.

His public life began after he was discharged from the paratroopers in 1968 and he began to appear at parties. His career took a giant leap, he said, when he met

Golda Meir and demonstrated his powers of ESP to her. When, afterwards, reporters asked her about the future of the state, she responded that they should ask Uri Geller.

However, he explained, since his powers are real, and not a trick, he could not improve on them, and he found his audiences decreasing to the point where he was appearing in small night clubs in Ramle and Lod. It was then that he took up an offer to come to the US to engage in research with the CIA.

These days, Geller said, he is a millionaire, with money earned by locating deposits of precious metals. "Someone convinced me that there was more money to be made in finding metals than in bending it," he said.

Asked if he could help create a better feeling between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Geller said he could, but the request to do so would have to be a formal one from the prime minister.

He also tells that someone had asked him to help locate the missing Israeli navigator, Ron Arad, but that his part was leaked to the press and some member of the family suspected that Geller had wanted to publicize himself.

B'Tselem: Israel strip- searching Palestinian women in Hebron

JON IMMANUEL

OVER the past three weeks, security forces in Hebron have subjected 15 women to full strip searches, sometimes in front of their children, in what appears to be intentional humiliation of the women and their families, the B'Tselem human rights organization reported yesterday.

The searches, ostensibly for weapons, took place between November 27 and December 11 and the women concerned were aged 20 to 69. In two cases, a male policeman was present during the strip search. This is B'Tselem's second report on the subject, prompted by the continuation of the searches.

The IDF, which would normally be involved in searching for weapons in Hebron, said only police were involved, although at least one witness said the security forces wore IDF uniforms. The IDF, which used to sometimes order strip searches of women at Allenby Bridge, stopped the practice more than four years ago and now uses electronic equipment to search for weapons.

The police response to the B'Tselem report cited "several instances of searches of Palestinian women in Hebron which involved police officers and security forces who used force and caused damage," but did not comment on the

strip searches. Judea and Samaria police spokesman Boaz Goldberg described the earlier report as "lies." "During the intifada, a harsher period than now, I don't remember anything like this," said fieldworker Mazen Dandis.

B'Tselem maintained that the whole purpose of the searches could only be purposeful humiliation since in all the searches only one man was strip-searched.

Rajoub: Israel can forget about asking PA to extradite PFLP killers

JON IMMANUEL
and HERB KEINON

THE two Palestinian terrorists who killed two Israelis in the drive-by shooting near Beit El last week were sentenced to life imprisonment in a Palestinian security court last night, and their driver got 15 years. Preventive Security chief Col. Jibril Rajoub said.

Palestinian security forces yesterday arrested the driver, the third and last member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine cell which shot dead Eita Tzur and her son Ephraim last Wednesday. The killers, identified last night as Abdel Nasser Qaysi and Ibrahim Kam, were arrested last week. They were convicted of "betraying the security of the Palestinian people."

The driver, Ibrahim Hani, was found with the weapons used in the attack, according to Palestinian sources. Rajoub met with OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan in Jerusalem to brief him on

the arrests as the trial got under way in Jericho.

Rajoub said that any request for extradition "is a dream and won't happen. You can forget it."

In addition to the three-member cell, several PFLP supporters who helped the killers were also arrested. They helped lead Rajoub's force to the killers.

The Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group accused the police of using torture to extract information from PFLP members who were arrested.

Meanwhile, Yoel Tzur, whose wife and son were killed in the terror attack, yesterday led a group of residents from the settlement's cemetery to a nearby hill where they erected a makeshift memorial and pledged it would be the corner-

stone of a new neighborhood. On top of Har Artis, which overlooks the cemetery, Tzur said: "This small act will bring future action. This is not something that has to be done against [anyone], or despite opposition. It is something that has to be done together with the government, the defense establishment, and with all the necessary permits," he said.

Beit El officials have said discussions are underway at various governmental levels to expand the settlement. What is being contemplated, they say, is construction on land near the adjacent army base — legally part of Beit El — rather than on Har Artis, which is privately owned by Palestinians.

Meanwhile, Peace Now issued a statement calling on the prime minister and defense minister to stop "in its infancy" the initiative to build on Har Artis.

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US Congress: We support PM

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

IN a week when former US officials and President Bill Clinton himself criticized Israel's settlement policies, key voices in the Congress stated solidly that they are not going to pile onto Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Jesse Helms and Benjamin Gilman, chairmen of the Senate foreign relations and House international relations committees respectively, wrote Netanyahu yesterday to assure him of Congress' continued support.

But they did not include any reference to settlement building.

A Senate source said yesterday he believed the Helms-Gilman communication was a "direct response" to the letter sent to Netanyahu over the weekend by eight former secretaries of State and Defense, national security advisors and Middle East envoys. That letter criticized Netanyahu for undertaking a settlement policy that threatened any accommodation with the Palestinians over the territories.

Clinton told a news conference Monday that encouraging Israelis to settle in the territories was "absolutely" an obstacle to peace by "preempting" negotiations on a peace deal.

"We were frankly disgusted by it," the Senate source said of the

original letter. "Maybe a bunch of has-beens are giving [Netanyahu] a hard time, but those of us in power think no one should be giving [Netanyahu] instructions."

The Republicans controlling Congress are among Netanyahu's staunchest supporters here, particularly since the prime minister's address to both bodies in July in which he affirmed his commitment to making peace and weaning Israel off its \$3 billion annual aid package.

"There are voices who insist that it is incumbent upon the state of Israel to make all the sacrifices for peace. Do not count us among such people," Helms and Gilman wrote. "All parties to the peace process must act in good faith; no one can credibly pretend that the peace will hold or fail based on the actions of one party alone."

"We would not presume to advise you on specific steps to take, or to refrain from taking, in your pursuit of a just and lasting peace. We do, however, support your efforts to assure the security of Israel's people and its borders."

The two wrote Netanyahu that the continued negotiations over IDF redeployment from Hebron "are a testament to Israel's willingness to work towards a viable agreement with the Palestinians."

Mordechai names settlements adviser

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has appointed Eli Cohen as his new adviser on settlement activity after the Labor-appointed Noach Kinari asked to resign. Cohen will also be responsible for advising Mordechai on infrastructure and development areas.

Kinari, who was with Mordechai during his meeting with settler leaders in Beit El on Sunday, is leaving after four years in the position. Mordechai accepted Kinari's resignation and praised his work.

Cohen, 47, is a former deputy mayor of Ma'aleh Adumim. Like many of Mordechai's advisers, he is a veteran senior paratrooper officer.

Ariel O'Sullivan



Stanley and Joyce Boim, the parents of David Boim, who was killed by Palestinian terrorists near Beit El in June, demonstrate yesterday in front of the US consulate in Jerusalem. The Boims want the Palestinian Authority to extradite their son's killer to Israel. (Ariel Jarolimski)

Settlers split on strategy

HERB KEINON

SETTLEMENT leaders holding a two-day strategy session in Ariel yesterday found themselves split between those who want to come out in full support of the government, those who advocate a national unity government, and even those who say it is time to begin looking for a right-wing alternative candidate to challenge Benjamin Netanyahu in 2000.

Elkana Local Council head Nissan Slomiansky suggested at the meeting in Ariel of heads of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza that an alternative candidate be considered as a way of applying pressure on Netanyahu and getting him to begin massive building in the settlements.

"The prime minister and govern-

ment are not working at the pace or with the strength that we expected," Slomiansky said.

On the other side of the spectrum, Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel said that what is needed is a national unity government headed by Netanyahu. "At this point all the world is against us...The minute [Shimon] Peres is in the government, it will be easier to stand up to the pressure, it won't give Arafat the opportunity to divide and conquer."

The end result, according to Kashriel, will be that it will be easier to build in Judea and Samaria. The council's general secretary, Aharon Domb, said, however, that the council's position at this point is to stand "unequivocally behind the government."

Hanegbi salutes settlements

LIAT COLLINS

JUSTICE Minister Tzachi Hanegbi sent out a strong message of support for settlements in a Knesset plenum discussion yesterday.

"The settlements are a big obstacle to peace, to [Yasser] Arafat's peace, the peace of the left in Israel — just like Israel is a big obstacle to the dreams of peace of many of our neighbors who would like to see a Middle East without the State of Israel, a Middle East which lives in tranquility without a bone stuck in its throat," Hanegbi said.

He was answering a motion to the agenda by MK Michael Kleiner (Geshet). "The settlements are no more of an obstacle to peace than Jerusalem, Ariel, Ma'aleh Adumim, Shilo and Amonot interest them like last year's snow," Hanegbi said.

He recalled the demonstrations by the left when building started in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Pisgat Ze'ev over the Green Line. "But nothing happened. The slides didn't fall in. Why? Because there are things we are not prepared to accept. We can't accept that we shall stop settling our land. That's unacceptable. We can reach this or that political arrangement, we can compromise, we can come out of the negotiations without everything we want, but not to settle the land? What are we here for?"

He lived in Morocco in one building with Arabs and I want to return to that. I don't see it as

IDF bracing for possible clash with Palestinian forces in Gaza

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IDF forces are bracing for a possible violent escalation with Palestinians, following tensions which arose yesterday near Netzarim in the Gaza Strip when Palestinian police tried to block Israeli forces from renovating an IDF outpost.

OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai gathered his commanders last night to discuss the possibility of dealing with a renewal of confrontation with Palestinian forces in the Gaza Strip. "It's clear that this isn't a good situation. We have to do what ever we can to claim it and find a situation where there won't be any kind of unintentional flare up due to local individual tensions," Yanai told reporters earlier.

The tensions began yesterday when Palestinian police tried to block an IDF force moving along the coastal road toward Netzarim. The ruckus drew Palestinian students and the gathering soon turned into an argument between the two sides over passage along the road and work at an abandoned IDF outpost.

Military sources said the Palestinians finally backed down after it was "unequivocally told to them that the IDF would act immediately and with all the means at its disposal" to maintain responsibility for the road and the outpost.

The outpost, which had been vacated by the IDF over a year ago, was to be renovated since it holds a panoramic view of Gaza City's

IAF jets blast Hizbullah targets

DAVID RUDGE

IAF warplanes twice blasted Hizbullah targets in south Lebanon yesterday amid reports of ongoing fighting in which three of its members were said to have been killed.

The Associated Press reported from Lebanon that IDF troops had spotted a Hizbullah squad trying to infiltrate the security zone, north of Soujoud in the eastern sector.

According to the reports, the IDF troops positioned in hills overlooking Akmata village, north of the zone, opened fire, sparking exchanges that lasted for nearly an hour.

During the fighting, three Hizbullah gunmen were killed. There was no confirmation of the report from any other sources.

The report, quoting sources in the security zone, said the IDF troops called in air support and three jet fighters strafed Hizbullah positions in the region.

The IDF Spokesman confirmed that IAF warplanes struck at terrorist targets in the zone's eastern sector yesterday morning, saying that all the planes returned safely to their bases.

Later in the evening a second sortie was made on Hizbullah targets in the same area. In both raids, pilots reported accurate hits

and all planes returned safely, the IDF Spokesman said.

Reports from Lebanon said three jets fired a total of six rockets at targets around Akmata and the M'lit hills in Lebanon's Iqim al-Toufah region.

Hizbullah later attacked IDF and South Lebanese Army positions in the eastern and central sectors with mortars and light weapons fire. There were no casualties and IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire.

Meanwhile, a senior Hizbullah official has again criticized the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee for being ineffectual.

Sheikh Nabil Kaouk, Hizbullah's leader in south Lebanon, was quoted in the Lebanese press as saying that the monitoring committee had consistently failed to "protect Lebanese civilians from repeated Zionist attacks."

He warned against Israel "continuing in this way," saying Hizbullah would continue to "show the enemy's weakness and impotence to its own public opinion."

"We promise that Zionist leaders will discover the hard way that their army is no match for the holy fighters," Kaouk was quoted as saying.

Suissa: Ras al-Amud project can be delayed

JON IMMANUEL and LIAT COLLINS

INTERIOR Minister Eli Suissa said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had not asked him to put aside plans to build 130 housing units on the edge of Ras al-Amud in eastern Jerusalem.

Still, Suissa said, if it's necessary "to wait a little, we will wait. We have been waiting for the Messiah long enough, so we'll wait."

Suissa said there was no justification for international calls for a delay in the project. He pointed out that the land slated for Jewish housing was a small sliver on the edge of the Arab neighborhood and that 800 Arab housing units were also slated for construction. He said threats of violence should not be taken seriously, because there is a consensus in Israel concerning the status of Jerusalem and such threats are also heard whenever construction is slated in Jaffa and other Arab populated neighborhoods.

Knesset Interior Committee chairman Salih Tarif (Labor) said: "The problem in Ras al-Amud is real and dangerous, and the fact that the government is two-faced in this matter only goes to prove this. In any case, the responsibility falls entirely on the prime minister."

building inside an Arab population."

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen sent a letter to Suissa yesterday asking him to postpone building permits for Ras al-Amud.

"Even if justice and the law are on your side, it is better to be wise before acting and to prevent a flare up which will harm the negotiations with the Palestinians. Even if we are right, it's better to be smart," Cohen wrote. He said the decision to populate the neighborhood with Jewish residents would likely cause riots and stressed he was referring to the decision itself, which could be seen as a provocation even before the bulldozers moved in to start work.

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Fr. GUISEPPE DOSSETTI

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A Solemn Mass will be celebrated by His Beatitude Patriarch Michel Sabbah, for the repose of his soul, on Friday, December 20, at 12 noon, in the Con-Cathedral Church of the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem, Old City.

A memorial service and unveiling in the memory of my beloved wife

BERTHA JAGLOM ז"ל

will take place on Friday, December 20, 1996, at 12 noon at the Yarkon Cemetery.

Her husband, Harry Jaglom, and family

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman hurt after falling out of moving car
A 23-year-old woman from Taiba village near Ein Harod was seriously injured yesterday when she fell out of a moving car. The woman, who had been sitting in the rear seat, was taken to Afula's Ha'emek Hospital and from there to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Police are investigating how the woman managed to open the door and fall out without the driver and a man sitting in the front seat noticing.

A total of 124 people were hurt in 94 traffic accidents yesterday across the country. Two of the injured were seriously hurt, three suffered moderate injuries and the rest were lightly injured. *Itim*

Weizman to visit India next week
President Ezer Weizman will fly at the end of this week to New Delhi for a state visit. Weizman will sign agreements for industrial research and development; a cultural exchange program; and an agricultural agreement that will include laying the cornerstone for a farm near Delhi where Israeli expertise will be utilized. *Batsheva Tsur*

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Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon gets his blood pressure checked yesterday as part of health awareness day for MKs.

(Isaac Harari)

For a day, doctors make a House call

DOCTORS and nurses from the Maccabi health fund made a House call yesterday, checking more than 300 Knesset staffers and MKs in a campaign aimed at alerting the public and its elected officials to possible health problems.

Among those examined were Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and his predecessor Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

MKS and employees were weighed and their pulse rates and blood pressure were checked. They also underwent blood and urine tests for cholesterol levels and sugar. Several checked their cigarettes only as they entered the examination room.

Many discovered they weren't just political

heavyweights, but generally overweight. The Knesset cafeterias marked all food with its calorie and fat content yesterday.

MK Salah Salim (Hadash) quipped that although he is overweight, he has less of a problem than his skinny colleagues. "We're all being asked to make cuts and reductions. Where are the thin ones going to cut from?"

Nissim Zivili (Labor) noted that since electronic voting was introduced "we don't even get the exercise of raising our hands to vote anymore."

The tests were carried out in cooperation with Knesset physician Dr. Yitzhak Lipschitz.

The conclusion was that MKs need a little more exercise than running in political races.

Meanwhile, MK Adisu Massala (Labor) yesterday demanded a public apology from Magen David Adom director Amos Lurie who last week said Massala had decided not to donate blood because "perhaps he knows that there are things in his blood which prevent its use."

Massala said the statement is slanderous and propagates stereotypes of Ethiopian immigrants. He said his refusal was to protest the fact that his blood would be treated differently from all other MKs' because Ethiopian immigrants are considered at high-risk to be carriers of the AIDS virus.

LIAT COLLINS

Health Ministry: Low-cholesterol eggs a hoax

EVELYN GORDON

SO-CALLED low-cholesterol eggs actually have the same amount of cholesterol as normal eggs, Dr. Brian Cousin, head of the Health Ministry's food services division, told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

While it is true that these eggs have a high concentration of a fatty acid called Omega-3, Cousin continued, there is no proof that this substance reduces the quantity of cholesterol in the blood.

Cousin said the ministry is planning legal action against the producers responsible for the misleading claims.

Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) demanded that the ministry also publish advertisements warning the public that the low-cholesterol eggs are fraudulent. This is a very dangerous fraud, he said, because people suffering from high cholesterol, who should not be eating eggs at all, think it is okay to eat these eggs and thereby

endanger their health.

Cohen noted that the false advertising also enables the producers of the low-cholesterol eggs to charge 75% more than the price of ordinary eggs.

Dalia Harel, deputy director general of the Agriculture Ministry, explained that the low-cholesterol eggs were exempted from the price controls imposed on ordinary eggs because of the high cost of producing them.

In another egg-related matter, Cousin also told the committee that the ministry suspects eggs are at the root of several deaths in nursing homes recently. The ministry thinks the deaths might have been caused by eating eggs smuggled in from the Palestinian Authority which were infected with the salmonella bacterium.

Cousin added that surplus egg production increases the danger of salmonella infection, because the eggs sit in warehouses longer before they are sold.

Labor gets 2 candidates on Druse religious judge selection committee

LIAT COLLINS

THE coalition suffered a defeat yesterday when the Knesset elected two opposition candidates as its representatives on the committee which appoints Druse religious judges.

MK Salah Tarif (Labor) was a certain candidate as he is the only Druse MK. But former Likud MK Assad Assad, who is the prime minister's adviser on Druse affairs, failed to get the second seat on the committee, which went to Labor's other candidate Wahiba Wahiba. Tarif got 68 votes; Wahiba, 49; Assad 42; and the Likud's second candidate Ayoub Kara, 13.

Assad said after the vote: "It is my failure but also the prime minister's." The premier had asked the Knesset Speaker to postpone the vote but succeeded in delaying it by only one day after Tarif's supporters stormed the office of Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon on Tuesday.

Wahiba said he would act to change the criteria for choosing the religious judges from family and clan ties to capabilities.

The committee is considered particularly important for the Druse as the religious leadership is the guiding force for the community.

Sara Perl, 'The Soldiers' Aunt,' dies at 79

SARA Perl, known as 'The Soldiers' Aunt,' died yesterday in Safed at 79.

Perl owned the city's famous Herzliya Hotel, which served as a vacation spot for the nation's leaders as well as the first soldiers' hostel, where soldiers could enjoy a free break from the army.

"She had a special love for the army. She served for many years as chairperson of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee and visited the wounded daily, giving out gifts throughout the country, and in all the wars," her cousin, former mayor of Safed, Ze'ev Perl, said yesterday.

Twenty years ago, she was miraculously saved from drowning in the Jordan River after her car was pulled into the water while she was on her way to distribute cakes to soldiers on the Golan Heights. One of her friends died in the incident, while she and two others were saved thanks

to a passing Beduin's intervention.

IDF generals in the North often visited her at home and, until she took ill a few months ago, she visited soldiers in the hospital and on bases. "You're all my sons, and I love you," she said.

Perl was buried yesterday at the Safed cemetery. Safed chief rabbi Shmuel Eliahu said in his eulogy: "Her good deeds and charity can never be buried. They will stay with us forever." (Itim)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sharon man shoots Rotweiler

A resident of Avihail in the Sharon shot and wounded a Rotweiler Tuesday, because it was threatening his two-and-a-half-year-old son.

The dog was wounded, and another Rotweiler that was with him disappeared. The two dogs were licensed, although their owners had not reported them lost or wounded.

The man said the dogs approached his son and tried to attack him, so he pulled out his gun and shot one of them. Police are investigating the incident. (Itim)

Yeshiva director accused of embezzlement

Shimuel Edri, 37, of Petah Tikva, the director of the Yamit yeshiva at Nevah Dekalim in Gush Katif, was freed on bail yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, after being accused of embezzling yeshiva funds.

According to the indictment, Edri covered up his actions by making false entries in documents belonging to the yeshiva and the catering company that he also ran. He is accused of fraud and violation of trust and theft by a civil servant, among other charges.

Edri denied the charges, but the police agreed to free him on NIS 70,000 bail, and banned him from leaving the country. The judge also banned him from contact with anyone involved in the case. (Itim)

Company head suspected of tax evasion

The managing director of Avi Cosmetics Ltd., suspected of evading taxes on million of shekels worth of business transactions, was released yesterday on NIS 200,000 bail and barred from leaving the country for six months.

A Haifa Magistrate's Court judge heard that Shimon Furman, 44, of Hadera, who headed the Cil chemicals company from 1994-95, is suspected of evading taxes in deals worth NIS 2 million with Cil and NIS 600,000 with Avi Cosmetics. (Itim)

Transportation guards to work on scooters

The Transport Ministry will launch a new security unit in the coming days that will be made up of 60 guards on motor scooters. The unit aims to increase the mobility of public transportation guards and their ability to foil terror attacks, the ministry said in a statement. (Itim)

'Yediot' publisher questioned by National Fraud Squad

YEDYOT Aharonot publisher Arnon "Noni" Mozes was questioned by the National Fraud Squad yesterday in connection with false financial statements that were allegedly intended to mislead other shareholders in the newspaper.

Rival Yediot shareholders - currently in the middle of a civil law suit over control of the daily - filed a complaint to the Fraud Squad alleging Mozes wrote false financial statements to cover up expenses he wished to hide from other family members, who also are shareholders.

Family members allege Mozes used finances from the daily to commission wiretapping, via its security officer Haim Rosenberg. Rosenberg is awaiting a hearing on charges of wiretapping workers' phones at rival Ma'ariv.

The Tel Aviv District Attorney's office is reportedly preparing an indictment against Mozes for commissioning the wiretaps. (Raine Marcus)

Bar Association head Hoter-Yishai indicted for tax evasion

RAINE MARCUS

BAR Association head Dror Hoter-Yishai was indicted for tax evasion in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Hoter-Yishai, who recently caused a stir in legal circles when he slammed the judicial system, particularly the Supreme Court, was indicted on three charges of tax evasion, assisting another person to fraudulently avoid taxes and making false declarations to tax authorities.

According to prosecutor Ella Rubin, Hoter-Yishai succeeded in defrauding income tax authorities out of hundreds of thousands of shekels between 1990-1992.

Hoter-Yishai said after the indictment was filed that he was

"sorry that the legal system has deteriorated to such an extent."

"There is much to correct in the system," he added. "Whoever criticizes the system intends to help it and not to damage it."

The charges regard a plot of land in Azur, owned by his father, Aharon, and his father's partner, Shimon Gurinsky. Hoter-Yishai discovered that a metal company was illegally dumping scrap metal on the land. He sued the company in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, which ruled that it must vacate the land or pay the owners a fee. Aharon Hoter-Yishai and Gurinsky also were compensated

for illegal use of the land.

After the company paid the partners, Dror Hoter-Yishai took charge of the accounts, allegedly making false entries with the aim of defrauding authorities.

According to the indictment, he deliberately failed to declare taxes on behalf of his father and Gurinsky. Aharon Hoter-Yishai and Gurinsky have not been charged, and the district attorney accuses Dror Hoter-Yishai of organizing the tax scam.

The Movement for Quality Government called for Hoter-Yishai's suspension as head of the Bar Association yesterday. The trial will open in February in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Kahalani blocks Amit's meeting with Jerusalem caucus MKs

EVELYN GORDON

MEMBERS of the Knesset's Jerusalem caucus were up in arms yesterday over Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani's refusal to let outgoing Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit address the forum.

The caucus's co-chairmen, MKs Ruby Rivlin (Likud) and Ophir Pines (Labor), charged that Kahalani prevented Amit from speaking because of Amit's recent criticism of him in the press. Amit accused Kahalani of improperly interfering in the police's handling of haredi riots on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan this summer.

"It seems to me that this is some kind of act of revenge," Pines said. "I see this as a provocation."

Rivlin said he has spoken by phone to Amit, and Amit told him that "in his opinion, the minister did this to settle accounts with him." While the caucus does not have the legal status of a Knesset committee, Rivlin said, it deserved respect and cooperation from the government.

"Our invitation, to all of our minds, obligated the minister not to interfere," he said.

Kahalani's spokesman, Rafi Levy, responded that standing police rules forbid any officer to

address a public or political forum or be interviewed by the press without express permission from both the police inspector-general and the internal security minister. Amit therefore violated the rules by agreeing to appear without Kahalani's okay.

Furthermore, he said, it is standard practice that permission of this sort is not given except when an officer is about to retire. Amit not only still has another three months in his present post, but he is not even retiring at that point, Levy noted. He is merely going abroad to study, while remaining a part of the force.

"Amit wears a uniform, and that imposes certain obligations on him," Levy said.

Kahalani nixed Amit's visit less than an hour before the caucus's 4 p.m. meeting, after Amit had already arrived at the Knesset.

According to Levy, this was because Kahalani learned about the scheduled appearance only at about 2:30 p.m. Pines said he had asked Kahalani to okay Amit's appearance a week ago, and never heard back. Levy responded that

due to an office mix-up, the aide to whom Pines's aide spoke failed to inform Kahalani at the time.

Some of the caucus members supported Pines and Rivlin, but others did not.

"It's not proper for us to conduct an argument with the minister when he is not present and the press is," said Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet), who suggested that instead of a public attack, Rivlin and Pines simply ask Kahalani to reconsider his decision.

Alex Luhotzky (Third Way) went even further in his defense of his party's leader, saying it would "not be constructive" to have Amit appear before the caucus at a time when his fight with Kahalani, rather than his knowledge of Jerusalem affairs, would inevitably take center stage.

"The minister's decision, at this time and under these circumstances, seems to me to be justified," he said.

Pines strenuously denied radio reports that Labor was negotiating with Amit to make him their candidate for mayor of Jerusalem in the next elections.

"Nobody has spoken to him about this matter," Pines said.

DeBakey participates in telemedicine consultation with Beilinson doctors

JUDY SIEGEL

PIONEER heart transplant surgeon Michael DeBakey, who was consulted regarding Boris Yeltsin's bypass operation, participated yesterday in a joint telemedicine consultation with surgeons at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus.

From the operating theater via videoconference, Beilinson heart surgeon Prof. Bernardo Vidne and cardiologist Dr. Einat Birak discussed with DeBakey the case of a 17-year-old youth whose aortic valve was damaged by rheumatic fever, and had to be replaced. A variety of alternatives are available for such cases, including the use of a processed valve from a human donor or a pig, or reshaping one of the patient's other valves for this purpose. In the end, the Israeli and American doctors chose the Ross procedure, in which another of the patient's valves is rebuilt to fit the aorta.

The medical consultations were transmitted over an integrated services digital network (ISDN). Hospital officials say they regard telemedicine as the wave of the future, and will become increasingly involved in this technology. Doctors on both sides of the line can view video pictures, the results of scans and the patient's file, and get an audio feed.

The first Israeli conference on telemedicine will be held on Sunday at Tel Aviv University, in cooperation with the Science and

Communications ministries. The Science Ministry said yesterday that telemedicine has the potential of being a huge global market - perhaps as big as \$120 billion - to bring specialists closer to the periphery and even to supervise patients' conditions at home.

So far, the ministry said, a handful of hospitals and a number of high-tech firms are involved, but they are not being coordinated. Under the new research and development agreement between Israel and the European Union, Israeli companies will be able to present telemedicine proposals for research grants totaling \$120 million.

Yigal Amir costs state NIS 500,000 a year

LIAT COLLINS

INTERNAL Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told the Knesset yesterday that it costs NIS 500,000 a year to keep Yigal Amir in prison.

He was answering a parliamentary question by MK Ran Cohen (Meretz). Kahalani said Amir is held in solitary confinement for security considerations and for fear he will attempt suicide.

Kahalani said to the best of his knowledge Amir receives kosher food like all other religious prisoners and not restaurant food as recently reported.

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Red Cross chief vows not to give up in Chechnya

GENEVA (Reuters) - The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said yesterday the Swiss-run body would not abandon Chechnya despite the murder of six of its staff at a hospital there on Tuesday.

The ICRC chief, Cornelio Sommaruga, also told ambassadors to foreign missions in Geneva that the "vile, barbarous and cowardly" killings would give new urgency to discussion on the creation of a permanent international criminal court.

"We have been forced to call a halt to our activities in Chechnya for the moment, but we are determined not to give up," he declared. "For how could we ever bring ourselves to abandon the victims of the situation?"

Sommaruga was speaking at ICRC headquarters a few hours before the bodies of the six - five women nurses and a male ICRC field representative who were shot in their sleep - were due to arrive in Geneva from Moscow.

Their remains will then be flown on to their home countries -

Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Spain.

The ICRC, followed by most other international aid bodies, announced on Tuesday it was pulling all international staff out of the rebel region where it had run a relief operation almost since the start of the conflict there two years ago.

The 133-year-old body is leaving local staff to look after the hospital where they were killed at Novye Atagi, just outside the Chechen capital Grozny, and to run other centers it has set up in the region, which has sought independence from Russia.

Sommaruga said the deaths, "a manifestation of barbaric violence," had cast "a tragic shadow over our entire movement."

"It is an outrage which strikes at the very foundations of... what the Red Cross originally set out to do - to care for the wounded," the ICRC chief told the envoys, originally invited to hear appeals for funds for the body.

Sommaruga suggested the mur-

ders were part of a wider pattern of violations of humanitarian law, which the ICRC has denounced in other recent conflicts like the Bosnia and Rwanda wars.

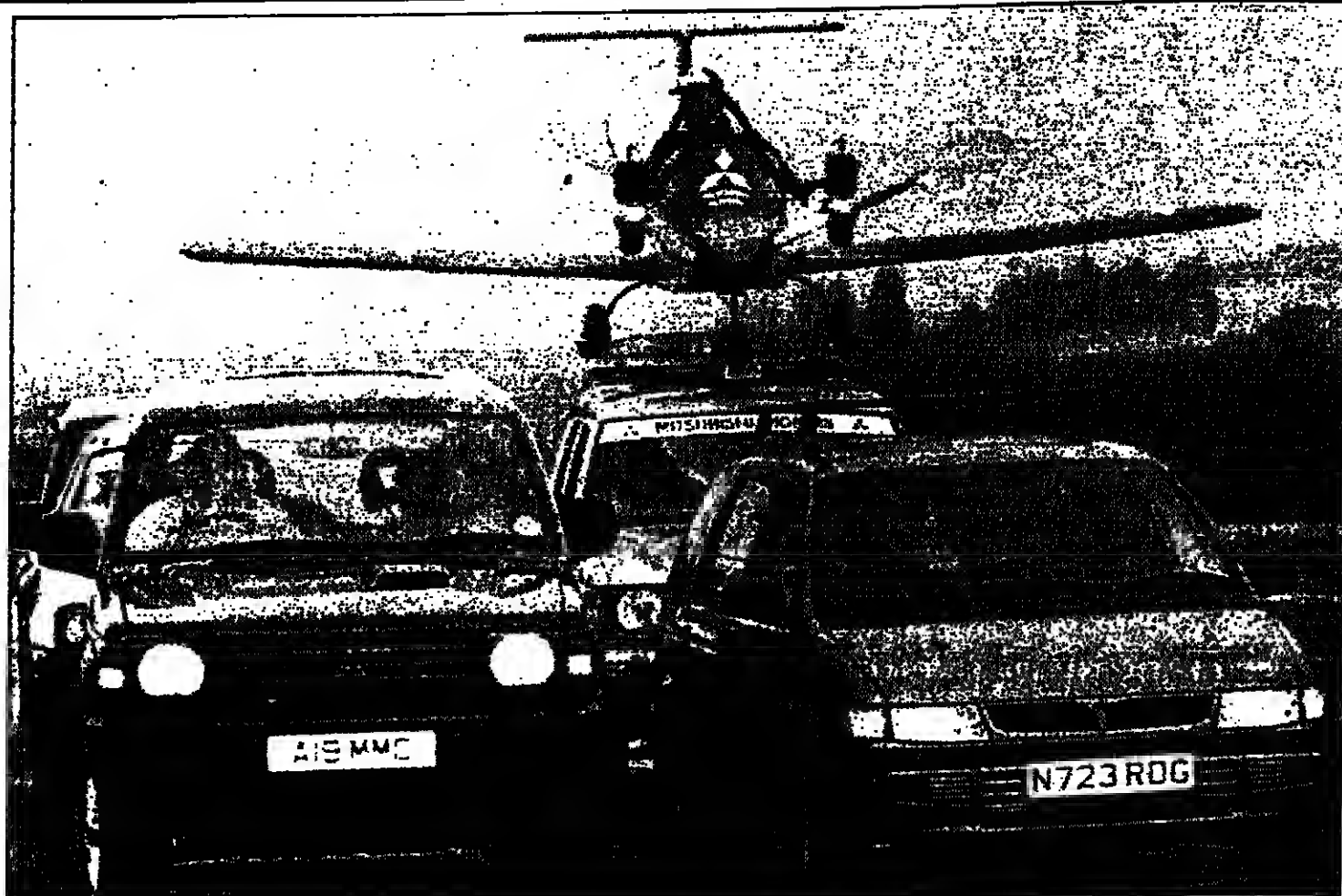
It has also been critical of Russia's use of armed might in civilian areas in Chechnya itself, where it failed to suppress a separatist drive.

What happened at Novye Atagi, he said, "can be compared with barbaric acts seen recently in other parts of the world."

"If we accept that such intolerable behavior will continue in a climate of indifference, then the intolerable will become the rule," he declared.

The killings were a challenge to governments, national Red Cross societies, the ICRC and all other humanitarian bodies.

"This breakdown of moral values, these war crimes that are becoming commonplace, must surely lend new urgency to the ongoing discussions on the establishment of an international criminal court," Sommaruga said.



Stunt pilot Tim Senior demonstrates the perfect way to beat Christmas traffic jams, as he sits in the cockpit of his special aircraft capable of taking off from the roof of a Mitsubishi Shogun, during a display at RAF Kemble, England this week. (AP)

Saddam's son blames Iran for assassination attempt

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Iraq's official media gave a rapturous welcome yesterday to President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Uday, after he appeared on television in a hospital bed five days after being wounded in an assassination attempt.

State-run newspapers ran articles, poems and commentaries on how glad the Iraqis were to see Uday.

Uday appeared on television Tuesday evening for the first time since he was shot as he drove through Baghdad's wealthy al-Mansour district December 12. He seemed to blame Iran for the attack, but did not mention Iraq's neighbor by name.

Uday spoke at ease with a Qatari envoy and a reporter from the official Iraqi news agency. He looked relaxed with his body covered by a blanket and no bandages on his head, but he did not move either hand to welcome the visitors.

Uday, 32, is chairman of Iraq's National Olympic Committee. He owns the newspaper Babel, Iraq's most influential, and runs the popular Shebab television channel.

Uday's newspaper Babel published a poem congratulating Saddam on the safety of his son: "Saddam! You are the sword of Iraq. You have won your cub. Safe remain your eyes."

Uday was quoted by official media as describing the attack as "treachery" and said it was not a characteristic of Arabs. He implicated Iran, saying: "The treacherous people are known along with the place they come from... they tested us for eight years." That was a reference to the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

Iraqi opposition groups abroad have claimed they were behind the attack.

Major faces parliamentary war of attrition

LONDON (Reuters) - British Prime Minister John Major, fighting to hang on to power, faces an exhausting parliamentary war of attrition after the opposition tore up long-standing cooperation deals with the government in a row over cheating.

Ruling Conservative party managers were looking forward to parliament's Christmas break as a chance to rally supporters for the drive to the election, due in May at the latest.

But the opposition made clear yesterday they would not let up in their campaign to bring down the deeply divided government, which last week lost its majority after a Labor party by-election victory.

The opposition drew first blood on Tuesday night, when the government was ambushed in a vote on an amendment to a bill on stalking and lost by 179 votes to 172.

"This government is devious. Cheating has become a way of life with this government," said Labor deputy leader John Prescott.

Major drew comfort from figures yesterday which

showed unemployment last month fell to 1.93 million. It was the first time the total had dropped below two million for six years.

"They are not good, they are magnificent," Major said of the unemployment figures.

When the Conservatives came to power in 1979, unemployment stood at 1.09 million before peaking at 2.98 million in 1992. There was no immediate threat to the government's survival from Tuesday's vote, but the result underlined Major's parliamentary problems after the collapse of the unwritten codes which govern cooperation between the opposing sides.

The row centers on "double counting" in a key vote on Monday on European fishing policy. Major won, ensuring his survival.

But the opposition said the government inflated its support by offering both Labor and Liberal Democrat party managers the same three names of MPs for "pairing" - a system to allow MPs to be absent for key votes without affecting the overall result.

Conservative party managers denied the charges.

Cyprus hails landmark Eurocourt ruling on Turkey

NICOSIA (Reuters) - Cyprus greeted a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights against Turkey for violating the property rights of a Greek Cypriot as a landmark judgment that could open the floodgates to demands for compensation arising from the 1974 invasion.

"It is a great success," Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides said of yesterday's ruling.

In a case watched closely by Cyprus, the Strasbourg Court ruled by 11 votes to six that Turkey had violated Titina Loizidou's property rights by

denying her access to her plots of land in Turkish-occupied Kyrenia in northern Cyprus.

Cypriot lawyers said the ruling had important political implications for making Turkey responsible for the situation on the island, not the breakaway Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus declared in 1983 and recognised only by Ankara.

"I believe its effects can be enormous," said Clerides. "If we take into account those who were forced to leave their homes then the effects can be greater."

Some 200,000 Greek Cypriots

were displaced in the Turkish invasion of the northern third of the island which was sparked by a brief coup engineered by the military regime then in power in Greece.

The ruling gave Turkey six months to submit observations on Loizidou's claim for compensation. Her lawyers are seeking up to half a million Cyprus pounds (\$1.07 million) in damages.

Acceptance of compensation does not affect Loizidou's ownership rights, said her lawyer Achilles Demetriades.

After losing job, worker erases computer company's files

HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) - It is a computer company's worst nightmare - to be erased.

But that's what police said happened to Digital Technologies Group, a small Internet service provider and computer design company. They've arrested a man who lost his job at the company just before the problems started.

One night in October, the company's owner, Mark Ambrose, was at home trying to call up the company's home page on the Internet's World Wide Web when an error message flashed on the screen. When he tried to retrieve one of his major accounts, the

file was gone.

Ambrose then rushed to the office to log on to the system, only to find more error messages. "Everything had been erased," he said. Even the backup copies were deleted.

The company lost about \$17,000 in business equipment and records. Months of work were also gone. The business was closed for a week while a new computer system was set up.

Ambrose reasoned that only someone with intimate knowledge of the company's system, including client and employee passwords, could have created such havoc.

The only man who filled that description, he said, was Charles Morrell, the primary computer technician, who lost his job the day before the computer files started disappearing. He was let go because the work he had been hired to do was completed, Ambrose said.

On Tuesday, Morrell was arrested on a charge of computer crime. He was accused of sabotaging the business by infiltrating the computer system from home. He could face up to 20 years in prison.

Morrell's lawyer, Richard E. Coho said the charges are "totally baseless" and stem from a business dispute.

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Nicole Miller's slip dress with matching coat from The Wear House.

An end-of-season show

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THE timing could not have been more perfect. The Wear House, Israel's equivalent to Labels for Less, was just getting ready for its winter fashion show, when the heavens opened, and the rain came down.

Some of the guests had commented only a few minutes earlier on the sorry season the fashion industry had experienced when winter decided to give Israel a miss.

The Wear House proprietors, Riva Baranowitz and Lorraine Schwartz, had optimistically termed the event a showing for winter '97, but the truth was that it was an end-of-season show, coming after Europe and the US had already unveiled spring/summer collections for 1997. Yet for the Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Pithul, Kfar Shmaryahu and Sayona socialites who braved the inclement weather to descend to the bowels of the cavernous Tiroche Auction House, where the show was staged against an opulent backdrop of Persian carpet wall hangings and ornate brass lamp stands, the semantics of chronology were insignificant. What was important was having access to top international designer creations at prices just within reach of middle-income wage earners.

But while the middle-income dreamers could manage only one, or at a stretch two outfits, the diamond-studded elite could comfortably snap up five or six without blinking an eye. NIS 2,100 is after all not all that much to pay for a Ralph Lauren suit — and that was one of the more expensive items. The average price was closer to NIS 1,500 and some suits by slightly less celebrated designers were going for under NIS 1,000. Five suits, someone observed, were equivalent to the cost of a face-lift — and while the suits were a safe prospect for several seasons ahead, face-lifts were not always successful, and even when they were, unlike the classic suit, they didn't have a lasting effect.

It is really much easier and far less

painful to iron a wrinkle out of a skirt.

Anyone agonizing about whether or not she should buy a mini-skirted suit had only to look at the runway where the high hemline continued to hold sway, with several concessions to those who are tired of displaying their derrieres and baring their legs. Extended skirt lengths trailed from just below the knee, moving gradually downwards to ankle length.

Pants, both narrow and wide, tended to hover at the ankle, leading one to suspect that clothing designers are in cahoots with footwear designers. After all, there's not much point in wearing a boot if no one can see it. Jackets, whether waist-skimming, hip length or descending flamboyantly to mid-thigh, were shape conscious and frequently double breasted with multiple rows of small buttons from neckline to hip.

Here and there, a charming peplum added a touch of romance, and occasionally a matching coat lent an added dimension of sophistication to ensemble dressing.

Unfortunately, the lighting was too dim to allow for a good view of either fabrics or colors, though one did get a sense of leather, fine wool, velvet and satin, with blacks and browns as the primary colors.

While shades of brown have led the winter fashion ramp abroad, Israel continues to play it safe with black in both day and evening wear with brief forays into rich reds, bold blues and glimmering golds.

The favored dress for day and evening wear is a slim, sleeveless shift worn with matching coat or jacket. An almost equal favorite for evening wear is the glamorous slip dress with exquisitely shaped bodice. Worn by a woman who's tall, willowy and graceful, it looks as if it came straight out of Hollywood. Two versions — one black and one gold — of Nicole Miller's gorgeous slip dresses with matching full-length coats won much-deserved applause.

FOR American companies pitching products abroad, the lure of using racial images in ads stems from the belief that racial gags are still considered to be one way to draw customers through humor. "It is viewed more as clever and witty than offensive. Humor remains a very powerful advertising tool to sell products," said Stephen A. Greyser, a professor of consumer marketing and advertising at the Harvard Business School.

But companies also use racial images in foreign advertising because cultural sensibilities regarding stereotypes in advertising remain very different from those in the US, experts say. In the case of Kellogg, for instance, the company's Cracky Nut cereal ad — showing a white hunter meeting a group of monkey-faced Africans — was "inspired" by Tintin, the Belgian comic dating back to the 1940s that used distasteful representations of Africans, but is nevertheless considered in France and other countries to be popular comic art.

Although the campaign was reviewed by the company's advertising panel in France, like many international ads for US companies, the Cracky Nut marketing campaign did not come under the scrutiny of executives in the US.

The ads "weren't meant to offend anyone — just to appeal to the French," said Anthony Emory, Kellogg's spokesman. "Obviously, we were wrong, and we take the blame."

Indeed, marketers view some foreign consumers as being more tolerant of ethnic parodies. For instance, in the June issue of the British magazine *Esquire*, the British bottle of Kirio, a Japanese beer, ran an advertisement of two geisha girls with a slurring samurai crooning this caption: "My karaoke singing used to sound like fowling bawling banishes but now I sing like a spaw and have record contract with Woteco [after drinking Kirio Beer]."

"We saw nothing offensive about the ad — we thought it was quite funny, actually," said Alasdair Fraser, who worked on the ad for Team Saatchi, a sub-

A couple of weeks ago, my brand-new VCR literally went up in smoke. It was just sitting there — not even in use — when, suddenly, white smoke began to billow from its every nook and cranny. Immediately, the incredulous family member present pulled out all the plugs, and set the VCR on the window ledge to air out the stench.

Though at no cost, due to warranty, I had to take the instrument to a video repair shop to have it diagnosed as "in need of repair," in order to receive a new machine from the shop of purchase.

Though no reason was given for the putrid smoke, I have come to the conclusion that it was caused by a sudden surge in the electrical current running through the building, following a brown-out. (Since then, however, a friend had a similar "smoky" experience with a VCR brought from the US to Israel, apparently as a result of a faulty or burned-out transformer.)

Electronic instruments are highly sensitive to sudden bursts of current. They are also sensitive to heat. For this reason, it is always a good idea



US multinationals now getting the heat

THE sequence unfolded in a comic strip printed on the back of a Kellogg's cereal box sold in France. A white hunter meets a group of monkey-faced Africans; they seize him and toss him into a boiling cauldron; after finding Kellogg's Cracky Nut cereal in his knapsack and sampling it, the natives set him free and then worship him atop a golden throne.

The comic passed a review by the firm's French advertising executives late last year and was sent to stores throughout France. After an outcry from consumers who found the strip racially offensive, Kellogg agreed to stop distributing the boxes last March.

The incident, though a first for Kellogg, came during a year in which a string of other large, multinational companies, including Ford and Fuji, were forced to alter or cancel international ad campaigns because of complaints of racial insensitivity from consumers and minority advocates in the US and elsewhere.

Although non-US conglomerates are often the source of such ads, which are created partly out of the belief that racial humor still sells in parts of the world, US firms are now getting caught in these controversies. Minority advocates, including legislators bent on curbing such practices, are criticizing firms such as Kellogg for marketing products abroad in a way they would never consider doing at home, where minorities make up a powerful and growing segment of US consumers.

"These companies are displaying an insensitivity that borders on racism," said Democrat Congressman Cardiss Collins, who is advocating limits on "racist" marketing policies be part of trade negotiations with foreign countries. "Multinationals are being duplicitous by using this type of marketing to appeal to foreigners overseas. These companies have got to start adhering to the same ethical guidelines for advertising that they

would use in the US" to sell those same products.

Racist advertising is hardly new in the international marketplace, a world where such products as Darkie toothpaste were once unabashedly sold with black minstrel logos. But pressures on foreign advertising, including lawsuits and publicity campaigns by minority rights organizations, help explain the debate over racial content overseas, experts say.

Indeed, it's not that international ad campaigns have grown more offensive, US experts say. Rather, a heightened awareness of racially-charged ads is surfacing, particularly in Europe, as increasingly vocal minority groups target campaigns they say feed into rising anti-immigrant sentiments in the countries where such ads appear.

"In France, we're dealing with the strongest movement against minorities that we've seen in years," said Fode Sylla, president of SOS Racisme in Paris, a branch of an international minority rights group. Earlier this year, the group sued Fuji over ads shown in Europe where two black men in stereotypical headgear drag away a white woman from her beach chair. The group also has registered complaints with the US-based makers of Lee Jeans and Citroen, the French carmaker, for ads it claims portray blacks in a negative fashion.

Experts say the racial sensitivity standards in international advertising remain far different than those in the US, where the taste barrier has evolved over decades from the days when advertisements for a pancake syrup featured a fictitious Aunt Jemima who wore a red bandanna and a wide grin. Although zingers still pop up, racial stereotyping generally doesn't sell well in the US, especially as minority groups have increased their purchasing power, experts say.

(The Washington Post)

sidiary of London-based ad giant Saatchi & Saatchi. The spots were pulled after they were criticized by Japanese newspapers, and Kirin executives in Tokyo became enraged.

"We wanted to appeal to British lager drinkers," he said. "We thought a Japanese character who spoke the way a Japanese person might speak would be funny — certainly more interesting than putting a beer bottle in front of Mount Fuji."

How do such ads come about overseas? Some US companies argue that ethnically insensitive international ads often result from a series of bad decisions made at their overseas subsidiaries. In February, for instance, a London-based ad firm working for Ford used a doctored photo of workers from one of the automaker's European plants for an ad campaign. To create the appearance of a Caucasian work force, the faces of six Indian workers were replaced with those of white employees for an advertisement.

The photo was originally doctored to run in Poland only, but the company said it was inadvertently picked up by its British marketers, too.

"There are no colored people in Poland, and because of that, there was a thought that the photo should be altered," said Don Hume, a Ford spokesman based in London.

"It was a mistake for the ad to run in England, too."

The incident angered the Indian workers, who were paid about \$2,850 each in compensation, Hume said. Ford officials in the US, however, also demanded that its ad firm, as well as its employees in Britain who approved the campaign, participate in a series of training classes to racial sensitivity.

"It was a horrible gaffe that over should have happened," said Al Chambers, a Ford spokesman in Detroit.

"This is not an excuse, but in large companies like Ford, there are so many international parts of the company, that it's difficult to monitor them all from the United States. Of course, that doesn't excuse what is a very embarrassing episode for this company."

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Smoke, repairs and videotapes

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to remove the plugs of such instruments if you are planning on being out of the house for an extended period, or if you live in an area where power failures tend to occur (particularly during winter months, when storms cause damage to power lines). It is also for this reason that electronic instruments should not stand too close to radiators, or to one another (e.g. a VCR should not be placed directly over a television).

Coincidentally, once I had straightened out my own VCR problem, I received a letter from an avid watcher of videos, asking that I write about the quality of video cassettes and recorders.

N.S. received a VCR for her birthday. Several weeks later, it began to over-heat and smoke. I began to fear that it was about to explode. Twice it had to be brought in for repairs. After that, it continued to work well for about a year. In the meantime, N.S. had become "hooked" on "having a private cinema" in her one-room dwelling. In addition to purchasing and renting

cassettes, N.S. also tapes shows from television. For this purpose, she buys 240-minute cassettes, so as to be able to record two full-length films easily — rather than using 180-minute cassettes, which seem wasteful to her, since they force her to leave "hour-long loose ends."

A couple of weeks ago, after inserting a cassette, her VCR "gave out a little moon and died." Back it went to the repair shop, where it spent the following week. When N.S. arrived to pick up her treasured machine, she was warned by the technician never to use 240-minute cassettes. Their weight, she was informed, was too much for the lifting mechanism of the VCR to withstand. According to this technician, 180-minute cassettes are 50 grams lighter than their lengthier counterparts. Her instrument, a Philips, should only use 200-gram cassettes,

he added.

N.S. wants to know why 240-minute video cassettes are on the market at all if they cause damage to VCRs, and whether her particular brand is simply too flimsy for her "heavy" use of the instrument. She also wants to know whether it is worth her while to invest in a more professional machine.

Well, N.S., the answer to your last question is "no." VCRs for professional use are not necessarily more durable than the ones sold for home use. They are more sophisticated, and built to perform functions most of which will serve no purpose other than to confuse you. They are also several times more expensive than your machine. Therefore, even if you were to buy a new VCR every time you went on the friz, it would still be cheaper than to buy a professional machine (which, incidentally, could end up spending just as much time being repaired as has your simple instrument).

Regarding the 240-minute cas-

ettes: For most people, who do not use their VCRs as frequently as you, these cassettes are generally fine. However, if you buy a VCR with four heads (called "long play"), you can tape twice as much film on any given cassette. You could thus buy 180-minute cassettes, and still tape two movies. The disadvantages of four heads (as opposed to two heads) is the poorer quality of the resulting film, and greater wear and tear to the cassettes. VCRs with four heads are also more expensive than those with two heads. The price range of the former is NIS 2,400 to NIS 3,500; of the latter: NIS 1,800 to NIS 2,700.

Where the brand is concerned: I was given two different recommendations. A veteran "Best Buy" salesman claimed that the Samsung is the best VCR on the market today; whereas a professional film-maker well-versed in the ins and outs of video equipment said that the three most reliable brands are Sony, Panasonic and JVC.

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Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is flanked by a military escort as she inspects a children's parade in Dhaka on Sunday, the eve of the country's silver jubilee of independence. (Reuters)

Bangladesh still struggling after 25 years of independence

A quarter of a century has passed since Bangladesh fought a bloody independence war against Pakistan, but the country has yet to achieve a flawless democracy or desired prosperity.

As the nation this week celebrates the silver jubilee of independence won on December 16, 1971, a recounting of history and stocktaking of achievements and failures are under way.

This south Asian country of nearly 120 million people is battling grinding poverty and the legacy of military influence in politics while trying to shore up its fragile democracy.

Only six months in power after her Awami League won a general election for the first time in 21 years, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is facing threats by her rivals — not only to topple her government but to kill her.

"I am facing threats of being killed. But I am not afraid because I have seen my parents and the whole family being gunned down by people seeking power through back doors," Hasina said recently.

Hasina and her sister, Sheikh Rehana, were traveling abroad during the 1975 coup in which Hasina's father, independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and most of his family were killed.

The 15 years of army rule that followed Mujib's death ended in 1991 when Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader

Begum Khaleda Zia was elected Bangladesh's first woman prime minister.

The BNP lost the election last June to Hasina's Awami League, and quickly began a campaign to oust the new government.

The short run of civilian rule has never been free from threats of military takeover or the military's unwritten authority over civil administration, political analysts say.

Bangladesh had three coups and a series of abortive attempts between 1975 and 1991 that severely impeded its socio-economic development. Under dictatorial rule, corruption grew, politics was polluted and half the country lived in absolute poverty.

"It's unfortunate that Bangladesh is still a fragile democracy after 25 years of independence," said Dr. Tareque Shamsur Rahman, a teacher in the Government and Politics department at Jahangir Nagar University.

"Democracy is inching only at a snail's pace," he said.

Military influence in state affairs has lessened somewhat since a mass uprising toppled the last military ruler, Hossain Mohammad Ershad, in December 1990. But it is still strong and criticism of the military is a taboo.

"Politicians now seem to prefer a status quo on the question of the army. Prime Minister Hasina is attending almost all army functions," Rahman said.

He and other analysts cited Bangladesh's recent political achievements.

Parliamentary democracy is back and the country has recently found a way for peaceful changes of power under a constitutional provision for elections held by neutral caretaker authority.

Ershad, now in jail, seized power in a bloodless coup in early 1982 from the BNP, a party founded by his predecessor, General Ziaur Rahman, husband of Khaleda Zia.

"The military rulers made many politicians corrupt with money and divided them to perpetuate their rule," one analyst said.

"But it seems that our politicians are failing to capitalize on new opportunities (under civilian rule). Growing mistrust between the two main political parties, headed by Khaleda and Hasina, is a constant threat to democracy," he said.

BNP-Awami League quarrels have crippled parliament since 1991, first from agitation by the opposition Awami League during the BNP rule, and now by the BNP with the Awami League in power.

"We could not work in the last two years of our tenure because of the opposition disturbances. We have now been forced to walk out of parliament because Awami League would not let us speak," BNP Secretary-general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said.

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Romania's Jews seek warm ties with new gov't

The 14,000-strong community may have an ally in attempts to recover properties seized in World War II, Michael Jordan reports from Bucharest

PINCHED between their drive for justice and the specter of an antisemitic backlash, Romania's Jews are seeking to establish warm relations with the new government in Bucharest.

Leaders of this rapidly aging and dwindling community — which now numbers only 14,000 compared to a pre-World War II total of 800,000 — are determined to recover properties seized first by the wartime fascists, then the communists.

They also hope for financial assistance for the 1,000 or so Holocaust survivors and political support to counter an active antisemitic fringe.

Now they appear to have a strong ally. The center-right coalition of president-elect Emil Constantinescu was swept into office November 17 by vowing to chart a course toward European integration with major democratic and economic reforms.

Lower on the long list of preconditions for joining NATO and the European Union is restitution of nationalized, communal properties confiscated from minorities, including churches, schools and hospitals.

The recently deposed leftist government, led by ex-communist Ion Iliescu, advanced the process slowly amid pressure from the right.

"This new government wants to get into the EU and NATO and you can't do this if you are chauvinistic and nationalist," said Romanian writer Janos Szasz, an ethnic Hungarian and Jew.

"It would be in their best interests to have good relations with all of Romania's ethnic minorities."

No one knows this better than the Jewish community. For the past half-century, they have enjoyed a more cozy relationship — some would say too cozy — with their government than perhaps any other Jewish community in Central or Eastern Europe.

Following the Holocaust, during which half of Romania's Jews perished at the hands of Hungarians, Germans and Romanians, the community's survivalist instinct led it to forge close ties with the communist regime. It paid off, under the brutal dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Some 320,000 Jews — many of them reportedly sold for about \$5,000 apiece — emigrated to Israel and elsewhere, mostly in the 1970s and '80s. It marked the single largest post-war exodus in Europe until the present wave of aliyah from the former Soviet Union.

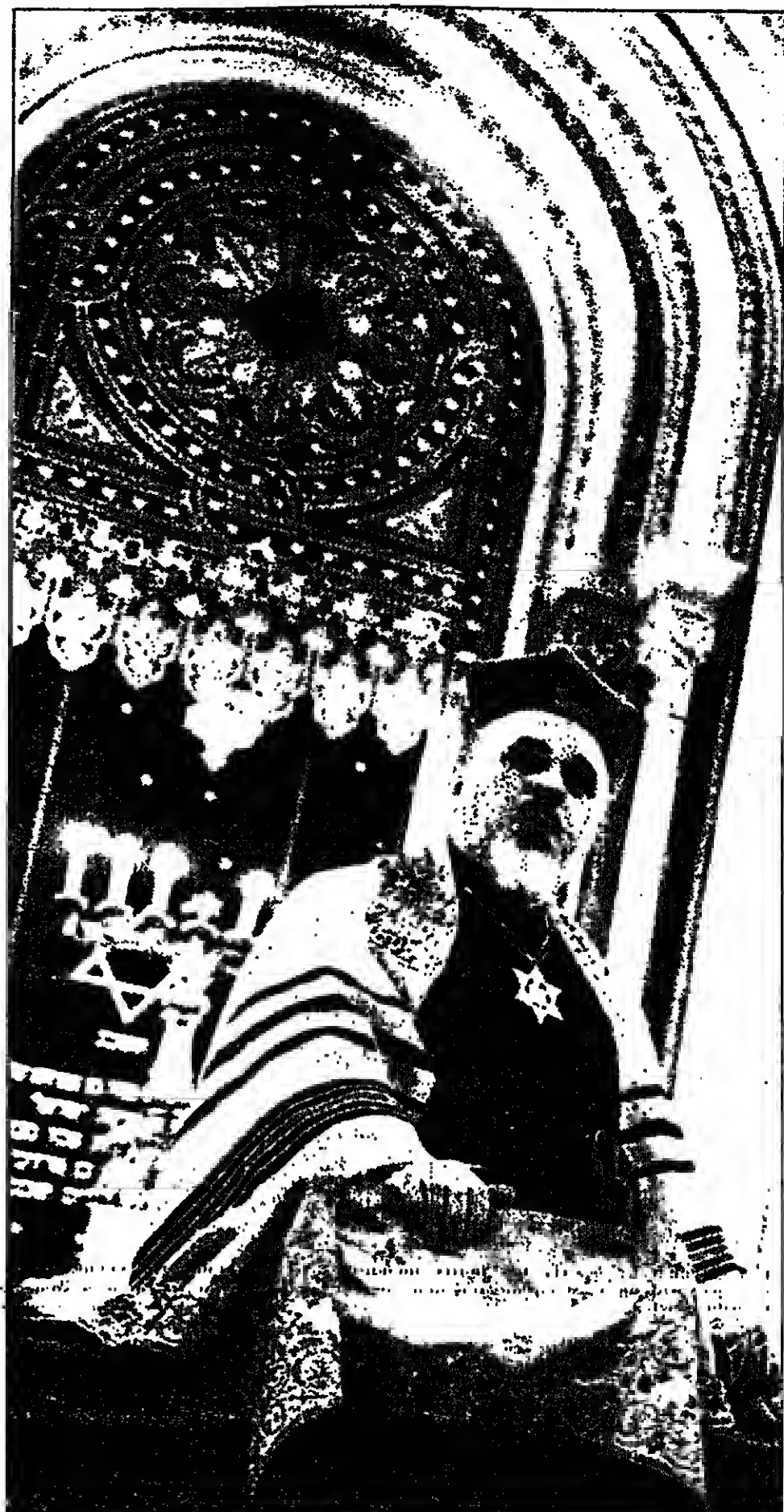
The Jewish community was also allowed to maintain kosher restaurants, Hebrew classes and a Jewish newspaper. After Ceausescu's execution during the December 1989 coup, Romania's chief rabbi, the venerable Rabbi Moses Rosen, kept relations running smoothly with Iliescu.

But today, as always, Jewish leaders here know they must tread carefully. If they are too vocal or ask for what seems to be too much, they worry it will provide more ammunition for extremists.

Throughout the campaign, right-wing newspapers assailed the government for perceived favoritism of the Jewish community. Even the respectable opposition press joined in, alleging that US Ambassador to Romania Alfred Moses, who is Jewish, was working backroom deals with Iliescu on behalf of the Jewish community.

Julian Sorin, secretary of the Federation of Romanian Jewish Communities, said it's nearly impossible to put a price tag on all the assets lost.

A total of 510 Jewish communities were wiped out, the only sign they ever existed being the cemeteries that remain. The federation is focusing its efforts on restitution or compensation for the 295 demolished synagogues and expropriated assets including the 165 schools and 31 hospitals or nursing-care



After Nicolae Ceausescu's (below) execution in 1989, former chief rabbi of Romania Rabbi Moses Rosen kept relations running smoothly with successor Ion Iliescu. (Camera Press)

facilities. "We, as a Jewish community, cannot act in a vacuum; we're in the same boat as the Hungarian, Greek and Turkish minorities," said Sorin, who also heads the Commission for Restitution of Communal Property, representing Romania's 18 ethnic minorities. "If we act with others, we have more power and can be more successful. But if we act alone, it could be the basis for a wave of anti-semitism."

An equally powerful fear is if the government fails to revive the moribund economy and boost the quality of life.

Despite the tiny number of Jews, conspiracy theorists may finger them for blame, particularly the returning Romanian-Jewish émigrés and Israeli businessmen, said Romanian Chief Rabbi Yehezkel Mark, who replaced Rosen last year after the latter's death in 1994.

"If the government succeeds, and the citizens of Romania are happier than before," Rabbi Mark said, "there'll be no need for scapegoats."



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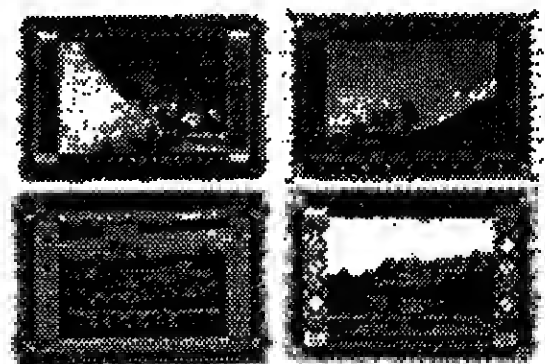
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Iraqi boys pan for gold on the shores of the Tigris River in Baghdad this week. Gold panning has become a way of life for many Iraqis since the UN imposed sanctions on the country six years ago. Former teachers, taxi drivers, college students and children now spend days sifting the earth near Baghdad's jewelry district trying to find traces of gold. (AP)

Sharon urges building of 'Treasure Islands'

Promises two new urban centers in Negev
DAVID HARRIS

NATIONAL Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday suggested building a string of islands opposite major coastal towns to house hotels, marinas, offices, airports and homes. Speaking at a convention of the Association of Contractors and Builders in Israel, Sharon said the islands should be built about one kilometer offshore. The idea has been raised previously, only to be dismissed as too expensive. Still, by encouraging private-sector investments and joint ventures, Sharon said, the scheme could go ahead. The first islands could be completed within 15 years, he said. "These could become your treasure islands," he said. Builders could make big profits from such huge infrastructure projects. Meanwhile, two new communities will be established in the Negev northeast of Beersheba, Sharon said. One will soon be constructed between Kibbutz Lahav and Kibbutz Kramim, with the other between Metar and Hurvat Yattir. These, together with the commuter settlement planned for east of Beit Guvrin, will become population centers with tens of thousands of people each, he said.

New TA-Jerusalem rail route gets initial okay

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE new route of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway was decided upon this week by the Ports and Railways Authority steering committee. This is only the first stage of approval for the \$390 million project which includes the construction of 40 kilometers of track, 15 km. of which will be through tunnels. The line will run from Tel Aviv, north of Highway 1, via Ben-Gurion Airport, Modi'in, Sha'alvim, Ma'aleh Hahamisha and Mevaseret Zion, before arriving at an underground terminal to be built beneath the new Egged bus terminal in Jerusalem. Actual travel time will be 28 minutes, but with stops at the stations at Ben-Gurion and Modi'in, the journey will take an extra 5 minutes. The committee examined six other possible routes, including that preferred by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, almost half of which would have been constructed in the territories. Sharon accepted the decision, saying he will abide by the view of the professionals. It is anticipated the approved route will carry some 28,000 passengers each day. Now the authority's planning and construction committee must consider the proposal before it is presented to Sharon and then the government. In addition to the new line, the existing route would be shortened by 11 km. to 75.6 km, and be officially designated a tourist route.

Frenkel, Meridor compromise on multi-year inflation goal

Disagreement on the target for 2001

DAVID HARRIS

THE Treasury and the Bank of Israel said yesterday they reached a compromise agreement on multi-year inflation targets.

In the past, governments refrained from stringent, long-term fiscal commitments.

According to the agreement, the government will see to it that the rate of inflation will decrease by the year 2001 to that which prevails in "the industrialized states of Europe," according to a joint statement by the two agencies.

As for the 1998 rate, it was decided that it will be fixed during the first half of next year, before discussions on that year's budget begin.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Dan Meridor, and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel agreed that the 1997 target should be fixed as a range between 7 percent and 10%, compared to this year's 8% to 10%.

Frenkel argued in favor of setting year-by-year targets until 2001, but Meridor opposed that idea. Netanyahu agreed to set a partial, multi-year inflation target on Tuesday night, as a compromise.

Ahead of Tuesday's meeting, Meridor told the *Jerusalem Post* he does not believe the economy is suited to multi-year targets. "Until now Israel has never been able to reduce inflation gradually, but usually in one sharp drop as in 1985 and 1992," said Meridor. "At the moment we have the opportunity to set the 7% to 10% for 1997, because of the contractionary fiscal and monetary policies. If by mid-'97 inflation begins to lower, we may recommend a target for 1998."

Following the meeting, the Treasury said Frenkel had accepted Meridor's view.

The belief in the Treasury is that it is impossible to make accurate mid- to long-term predictions, and any such targets should only be set for the coming year.

Frenkel said he was pleased Netanyahu agreed to a more flexible, long-term approach than had been adopted in previous years. The decision to set the target for next year is also a sign the government realizes inflation must be lowered as soon as possible, said the governor.

The major difference remains what the Treasury and the central bank define as "industrial-nation inflation."

The type of rate Frenkel wants to see by the turn of the century is similar to those currently found in the UK (2.7%), Germany (1.6%), Spain (3.4%), and the Netherlands (2.5%).

Inflation this year is running at an average 2.3% in the Group of Seven nations, and 2.7% among the world's other recognized industrial countries, according to the International Monetary Fund.

However, the Treasury prefers to use as a benchmark the much broader Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development framework, which has an average 4.6% inflation rate. That rate is higher because it includes inflationary economies like Turkey and Hungary.

Fighting inflation will only be one plank of the government's aims in 1997, Meridor said. Reducing the balance of payments deficit, ensuring stable growth, and absorbing more immigrants, will all feature high on the Treasury's list of priorities.

Ministry of Health: Sick fund deficit to hit NIS 2.2b. in '97

JUDY SIEGEL

TWO years after the National Health Insurance system went into effect, there is a cumulative deficit of over NIS 1 billion, and next year it will grow to NIS 2.2b., Health Ministry director-general Gabi Barabash said yesterday.

Barabash addressed the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee on the proposed Arrangements Bill, which would cancel the "parallel tax" and bring in government accountants to supervise the functioning of the four health funds.

"One can't reach a balance without symmetry between income and expenses," said Barabash. Without such balance, he said, the system will speed towards economic chaos, and the first victims will be the waiting lists for medical procedures. The solution lies in increased efficiency, supervision of health-fund expenses, and funding arrangements for the insurers, he said.

The ministry will not cooperate with efficiency efforts that do not deal with the fundamental financing problems of the health system, Barabash said. The problem with the health system is not the Arrangements Bill, he said, but the fundamental under-funding of health services.

Representatives of the health funds were unanimously against the Arrangements Bill, arguing it

would reduce the amount of funds available for health services, beyond those brought in as health taxes through the National Insurance Institute.

Economists note the parallel tax is, effectively, a fiction and that the government really pays a share of the worker's healthcare costs, instead.

Due to this criticism, the Treasury now wants to cancel the so-called tax and increase employers' NII payments on behalf of workers. But it will mean less money to cover health services, even if the health system will be partially compensated.

Committee Chairman MK Maxim Levy said, "we hope the government will sober up and cancel the Arrangements Bill immediately. A correct distribution of the burden can bring about the saving of NIS 9b. without hurting the middle class and turning them into the disadvantaged. The finance minister has begun to realize that he'll have trouble within his party getting the law through."

The Israel Medical Association, representing over 12,000 physicians, has come out strongly against the bill, arguing it would intensify the deficits, while nationalizing the health funds. The Health Ministry would receive major powers under the law, including the appointment of health-fund staffers and setting their constitutions, the IMA said.

Japan trade surplus rises for first time in two years

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japan's trade surplus enlivened expectations and rose last month for the first time in two years, a development economists said was likely to boost the yen against the dollar.

The Finance Ministry said yesterday that the November trade surplus climbed up a marginal 0.2 percent to 675.19 billion yen (\$5.92 billion) as a weaker yen boosted Japanese exports, especially of cars.

The politically sensitive surplus with the United States, meanwhile, leapt more than 30%, reflecting the increase in automobile exports. Private economists had forecast a hefty drop of around 28% in the overall surplus, continuing the long-standing declining trend.

"It's quite a surprise. It's the first increase in the surplus for two years. It's certainly higher than we expected. Certainly, if anything, it shows the trade surplus is going to be turning around earlier than we expected," said analyst Richard Jerram of ING Baring Securities, Tokyo.

The dollar slipped after the figures were released, standing at around 113.50 yen in early

morning trade against a late Friday US level of around 113.85 yen, but dealers said reaction was muted. Economists said the yen could strengthen again over time if a rising trend in the surplus is sustained.

The surplus with the United States, often a source of trade friction, surged 31.2% in November from a year earlier to 378.39b. yen (\$3.31b.). A fall in the value of the yen from last year's record highs has steadily put the brakes on the progressive fall in Japan's trade surplus, but economists had not been expecting to see an actual rise so soon.

Car exports, especially to the US, are rising due to the increased competitiveness of Japanese products abroad following the weakening of the yen. A fall in the yen makes Japanese products cheaper in terms of foreign currency.

A Finance Ministry official said the major reason for the rise in the trade surplus with the United States was a 45.7% surge in car exports to the United States, with a fall in imports of aircraft also contributing to the increase in the overall surplus. But the official said the general trend in the trade surplus

remained downward. Some economists, however, said the sudden reversal heralded a possible return of trade friction with the United States and a shift in US authorities stance in favor of a strong dollar.

"The US government will start applying some pressure on the Japanese... so the yen's basic trend will be stronger than the current level, that means, maybe below 110 yen," said Masaru Takagi of Fuji Research Institute. Jerram said US car-makers were becoming nervous about a loss of competitiveness. "At the moment there doesn't seem to be any great pressure [for the United States] to take out a big stick and beat Japan on trade, but if the surplus keeps on going up, I'm sure in the New Year you will see a more aggressive stance," he said. "I think the crucial thing [for currency levels] is what's going to happen to the direction of the Japanese surplus and what is going to happen in the US if and when interest rates increase... I would have thought the yen will turn around in the middle of the next calendar year," he said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Polgat gets orders from Pacific, South America: Polgat has received orders to export woolen material to leading wool manufacturers in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, South America and Japan. The company announced the orders for its Easy Flex product, a material exclusively developed by Polgat. The material is already sold to the European and US markets. Polgat forecasts exports of Easy Flex material will reach \$30 million in 1997 compared with exports of \$24m. in 1996 and \$18m. in 1995. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Former markets regulator named to head Eyal Securities: Meir Shavit, former supervisor of the capital markets, insurance and savings at the Ministry of Finance, was appointed chairman of Eyal Securities. Eyal is a public company with a customer portfolio of about NIS 1 billion. The company's major shareholders include Harel Hamishmar Investments, which controls 80 percent of the stock and Tom Holdings, which controls 17% of the shares. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Sharansky: Investment aid funds nearly used up

EVELYN GORDON

THE Industry and Trade Ministry's 1997 budget for capital-investment grants is nearly all committed to projects approved in previous years, leaving little money for new schemes, Industry Minister Natan Sharansky told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Sharansky said the Investment Center, which allocates capital-investment grants, accounts for more than half of the ministry's total budget - NIS 1.9 billion of a total NIS 3.3b.

However, Sharansky said, almost all this money is committed already. Some of the major recipients are Intel, which is slated to receive the first of 10 annual payments of NIS 200m. this year, and the Dead Sea magnesium works.

One of the ministry's major

goals for next year is to begin the transition from capital-investment grants toward alternate forms of investment aid included in the Gabbai Report, which was unveiled Tuesday. The report recommended grants for training programs, marketing, and research and development. These forms of aid are expected to reach a total NIS 510m. a year in three years.

Research and development tops the ministry's priorities, Sharansky said. The chief scientist's office, which allocates the ministry's R&D money, has a cash budget of NIS 1.05b. in 1997, and may commit to as much as NIS 1.2b. in additional funds.

However, chief scientist Dr. Yehoshua Gleitman, who is also the ministry's acting director-general, said the sum falls NIS 300m. short of the economy's real needs.

El Al denies plans to fire top brass

HAIM SHAPIRO

EL AL yesterday denied that there is to be a purge of senior management staff to cut costs in the light of the company's predicted \$100 million loss for 1996.

Company spokesman Nachman Kleiman said it was true that El Al's new director-general, Yoel Feldschuh, had convened middle and senior company officials at a meeting yesterday, but Kleiman insisted that Feldschuh was merely continuing a custom initiated by former company director Rafi Harari, to periodically appraise the employees of the company's situation.

Kleiman said Feldschuh told the staff that the company must be privatized as soon as possible, despite the fact that it will be finishing the 1996 fiscal year with a loss of some \$100 million.

"Privately owned airlines make money and government-owned airlines lose money," Kleiman quoted Feldschuh as saying.

In an effort to improve its situation, El Al has recently taken on two outside consultants: Prof. Dov Peckelman, for marketing, and Moshe and Shoshana Neuman, to help upgrade the company's image. Peckelman has been asked to reorganize the marketing department, as well as determine new marketing strategies. An internal El Al committee has been set up to implement the recommendations. The Neumans have worked in Israel and abroad in both the commercial and political sectors.

Four companies seek to raise \$20m. on London's AIM

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INDUSTRIAL Development Bank yesterday said it intends to raise \$20 million for four Israeli high-tech companies on London's Alternative Investment Market (AIM).

The bank said the companies were established three years ago. AIM, which allows for the listing of small companies' securities, has attracted several Israeli firms over

the last year. Analysts say the burgeoning market is attractive, because its entry terms are not as stringent as those on Wall Street's Nasdaq over-the-counter exchange.

Several local companies have recently raised capital on the AIM, including G.O. Interactive Media of Givatayim, which raised \$19m. SEA raised (\$3.3m.) and Selector raised (about \$4.6m.)

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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Pound sterling	2.0853	2.1291	2.05	2.107
French franc	5.4382	5.5229	5.34	5.80
Japanese yen (100)	0.8202	0.8303	0.80	0.84
Dutch guilder	2.8017	2.8079	2.81	2.85
Swiss franc	1.8870	1.8872	1.83	1.88
Swedish krona	2.4485	2.4591	2.40	2.53
Norwegian krona	0.4751	0.4828	0.48	0.49
Danish krone	0.5030	0.5112	0.49	0.52
Finnish mark	0.5678	0.5688	0.53	0.57
Canadian dollar	0.7016	0.7129	0.68	0.73
Australian dollar	2.3804	2.4128	2.32	2.38
S. African rand	2.5710	2.6125	2.52	2.58
Belgian franc (10)	0.8912	0.9024	0.82	0.71
Austrian schilling (10)	1.0167	1.0331	0.99	1.05
Italian lire (1000)	2.9777	3.0258	2.92	3.07
Jordanian dinar	2.1248	2.1691	2.06	2.19
Egyptian pound	4.6200	4.8300	4.52	4.83
ECU	0.8220	1.0000	0.82	1.00
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Am. Ind.	2245.19	+0.54
DJ Midcap	2345.19	+0.54
NYSE Index	10000.00	+0.11
NYSE 100	10000.00	+0.11
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

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Two-sided trading

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NEW YORK

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Croft keeps Zimbabwe in check

BULAWAYO (Reuters) - Off-spinner Robert Croft and pacer Chris Silverwood, with three caps between them, redeemed a wretched start by England in their inaugural Test against Zimbabwe on yesterday.

The pair shared five of the wickets as Zimbabwe, 130 for one during the second session, ended the first day at 256 for six.

Yorkshire seamer Silverwood was smashed for 25 from his first four overs in Test cricket but came back to take the wicket of Grant Flower for 43 after lunch and then removed Guy Whittall (7) when he got a measure of extra-bounce with the second new ball just before the close.

Silverwood finished with two for 50 from 12 overs but it was Croft, in his second Test, who took the major bowling honors. In three spells he tied down all the Zimbabwe batsmen and in the last of those he hauled his side back into the game's cockpit.

That final spell was 12-6-7-2 and included the wickets of Zimbabwe coach Dave Houghton, their most experienced batsman, who was caught behind for 34, and Andy Waller, caught at short leg for 15 in his Test debut at the age of 37.

Croft's coolheaded rescue of England after Zimbabwe had raced to 109 at lunch for the loss of only Stuart Carlisle, caught at short leg off Darren Gough without scoring.

Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell smashed the bowling to all parts before becoming



HOLDING THEIR OWN - England bowler Robert Croft (left) celebrates after Zimbabwean batsman David Houghton was caught by wicket keeper Alec Stewart.

Croft's first victim, slicing a catch to point when he had made a brilliant 84 from 137 balls with 13 boundaries.

Campbell and Grant Flower added 127 for the second wicket, then Houghton and Andy Flower consolidated with a fluently fourth wicket stand of 70.

However, just when it was looking threatening for England - the score was 206 for three -

Croft broke through with an arm ball that boomed more than Houghton anticipated. The Glamorgan off-spinner finished the day with three for 45 from 29 overs.

Wicketkeeper-hatsman Andy Flower is now Zimbabwe's main hope of a commanding first innings total, the gritty left-hander having made an unbeaten 58 from 175 balls.

Zimbabwe (first innings)	
Stuart Carlisle c John Crawley b Darren Gough	43
Alistair Campbell c Chris Silverwood b Robert Croft	34
David Houghton c Alec Stewart b Robert Croft	84
Andy Flower not out	58
Andy Waller c John Crawley b Robert Croft	15
Guy Whittall c Mike Atherton b Chris Silverwood	7
Phil Simons not out	0
Edrine	15
Total for six wickets	256
Fall: 1-3 2-130 3-136 4-206 5-235 6-252	
Bowling: Darren Gough 21 4 70 1; Alan Mulder 10 5 43 0; Chris Silverwood 13 4 50 2; Robert Croft 29 12 45 3; Phil Tufnell 15 2 48 0.	

National hoop squad has Georgia on its mind

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

ON paper, there's no reason why the national basketball squad shouldn't demolish Georgia tonight at Hadar Yosef (Channel 1, 8:45 pm). But that's just what worries coach Zvi Sherf going into the important game for Israel, which is seeking to improve its 4-3 record and chances to make the European Championships in Spain next July.

After all, on paper, there was no reason for the Georgians to give Israel all it could handle in Tbilisi in November, 1995.

But that's exactly what happened, as the Georgians used their favorite weapon - the three-point shot - to lead almost the entire first half, at one point by as much as 34-23.

Only a valiant comeback paced by Doron Jamchee (26 points) and Nadav Henefeld (18) saved the day as Israel pulled out an 89-84 triumph.

The good news for Sherf is that the national club squad is a Slovakian club that boasted a similar penchant for three-pointers when the two teams met last month. Israel used a potent fast break to demolish the Slovaks 99-71, and if the Georgians play a similar game, the faster Israelis should have an easy time of it.

Sherf will likely open with Jamchee, Henefeld, Doron Sheffer, Opher Fleischer and Moti Daniel. Uri Cohen-Mintz may be called on to add some size underneath, although the final 10 players to suit up will only be decided today.

Tonight's game is important so that Israel keeps pace with Bosnia, which is on the road in Greece. The two clubs are likely to face off in a showdown in Berlin on January 29 which is likely to determine which of them gains a trip to Spain next summer.

The Georgians still have a mathematical chance, but based on their performance vs. Slovakia three weeks ago, Sherf's changes should quickly put his mind at rest, and earn an easy victory.

Bnei Yehuda reaches Toto Cup semifinals

DEREK FATTAL

BNEI Yehuda became the fourth and last side to secure a place in the semifinals of the Toto Cup last night, in an exciting 2-2 draw at Teddy Stadium against National League leaders Bnei Jerusalem.

Although Bnei ended with the same points tally as Bnei Yehuda, a draw was good enough for the Haifa Quarter side to advance on goal difference as Group 3 leaders. They will meet Maccabi Tel Aviv in the semifinals on February 11.

Bnei Yehuda came out with all guns blazing in the first half against a Betar side weakened by the suspension of Itzik Zohar. Alon Mizrahi hit the visitor's opening goal in the 11th minute. Five minutes later, Liron Basis produced some fine goalkeeping to deny Hungarian Istvan Fehervari at the other end of the park as the Jerusalemis searched for a riposte.

Mizrahi struck again just before the break to further dampen the spirits of the Betar supporters who made up the lion's share of the 4,000 crowd.

Eli Ohana supplied the magic touch to pull a goal back for Betar in the 74th minute, and following a transgression on David Amsalem the veteran forward equalized in the 84th minute.

Nevertheless Bnei Yehuda's dogged determination kept the Jerusalemis at bay until referee Danny Koren blew the final whistle.

TOTO CUP National League Final standings

Group A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macc. Tel Aviv	1	8	4	2	2	16	5	12
Hapo. Tel Aviv	2	8	2	2	4	8	11	7
Zairim Hiron	3	8	2	1	5	3	13	7
Hapo. Haifa	4	8	1	1	6	4	11	4
Group B		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macc. Haifa	1	8	3	2	3	12	9	8
Hapo. Be'er Sheva	2	8	2	2	4	10	12	6
Hapo. Be'er Sheva	3	8	2	1	5	4	10	7
Hapo. Be'er Sheva	4	8	1	1	6	2	8	3
Group C		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bnei Yehuda	1	8	3	3	2	12	12	9
Bnei Jerusalem	2	8	3	2	3	10	12	8
Macc. Herzliya	3	8	2	1	5	9	11	5
Hapo. Be'er Sheva	4	8	2	1	5	7	12	7
Group D		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapo. Haifa	1	8	4	2	1	21	8	11
Hapo. Be'er Sheva	2	8	3	2	3	11	11	11
Hapo. Be'er Sheva	3	8	2	1	5	7	12	7
Hapo. Be'er Sheva	4	8	2	1	5	7	12	7

Wells signs with the Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) - David Wells and the New York Yankees finally agreed on a \$13.5 million, three-year contract with an option that could be worth up to \$18.55 million over four years.

Wells, a 33-year-old left-hander, became the Yankees' primary pitching target last Friday after Roger Clemens spurned New York and agreed to a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays. New York had been searching for a No. 3 starter since Jimmy Key agreed to a \$7.88 million, two-year deal with Baltimore.

The Boston Red Sox, bunting for pitchers following the departure of Clemens, agreed to a \$700,000, one-year deal with Chris Hammond, on Tuesday. A baseball lawyer, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the Red Sox also were in discussions with the agent for Steve Avery, in a three-year slump since going 18-6 for Atlanta in 1993.

Baltimore, looking to add a bat, was said to be in talks with the agent for Greg Vaughn. Another free-agent hitter, Mike Greenwell, said he planned to spend next year with the Hanjin Tigers, who are coming off a last-place finish in Japan's Central League.

Leo Gomez was placed on unconditional release waivers by the Chicago Cubs, who said the infielder is arranging a contract with the

Chunichi Dragons of Japan's Central League.

On the trade front, Detroit dealt left-hander Joey Eischen and right-hander Cam Smith to San Diego for catcher Brian Johnson and right-hander Willie Blair.

Boston sent left-hander Brian Looney to the Minnesota Twins to complete the August 26 trade for right-hander Pat Mahomes.

In another move, the Kansas City Royals agreed to a minor-league contract with 38-year-old left-hander Juan Agosto, who hasn't pitched in the major leagues since 1993.

Wells was 11-14 with a 5.14 ERA for the Orioles last season. His career high for victories came in 1991, when he was 15-10 for the Toronto Blue Jays.

"David has fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a New York Yankee, and he now hopes to have another world championship for New York in 1997," said the pitcher's agent, Gregg Clifton.

Wells gets a \$500,000 signing bonus, \$3 million in 1997, \$4 million in 1998 and \$4.5 million in 1999. The Yankees have a \$4.5 million option for 2000, but must pay a \$1.5 million buyout if they don't exercise it.

He can earn up to \$18.55 million over four years if the Yankees exercise the option and he makes 30 starts and pitches 190 innings per season.

"Hopefully David Wells will pitch against everybody else the way he pitched against us," Yankees manager Joe Torre said Monday.

Hammond, who will be 31 when the season starts, was 5-8 with a 6.56 ERA last season with the Marlins and made \$1.6 million.

Florida gave up its rights after the season, saying it would be interested in re-signing him at a lower price.

His contract with Boston has \$375,000 in performance bonuses, and he would get the full amount if he makes 30 starts.

In Eischen, San Diego hopes to bolster its lack of left-handed relief pitching. Eischen, 26, has been with five organizations in his major league career, including four in the past 19 months.

Johnson's biggest drawback was his defense. A former quarterback at Stanford who spent two-and-a-half seasons with the Padres after being drafted from the New York Yankees organization in 1991, Johnson threw out only 17 percent of runners attempting to steal last season.

"I've always been proud to be part of the (Padres') organization, but I haven't been really happy," said Johnson, who hit .272 with eight homers and 35 RBIs in 243 at-bats last season. "Last year was kind of bittersweet for me because I enjoyed winning, but I felt a little left out."

Woods wins SI's Sportsman of Year honor

ORLANDO (Renter) - Tiger Woods, who has taken the golf world by storm at the age of 20, was named Tuesday the 1996 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year.

Woods, whose given name is Eldrick, won an unprecedented third consecutive US Amateur Championship in August. The long-hitting Woods then turned professional and stained the tour with two victories in his first seven starts.

Woods, who is part black and part Thai and has stirred minority interest in golf, also won the NCAA Championship college tournament title this season while a Stanford student.

Woods first picked up a golf club at six months old.

NHL Scoreboard

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	16	8	7	43	95	97	84
Philadelphia	12	12	4	32	89	88	84
New Jersey	17	11	3	38	84	74	74
N.Y. Rangers	15	14	5	35	117	95	85
N.Y. Islanders	11	12	8	30	85	84	84
Washington	13	17	2	28	85	89	89
Tampa Bay	11	15	5	25	83	89	89
Northeast Division		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Hartford	15	10	8	36	97	97	97
Buffalo	15	14	2	32	89	88	88
Pittsburgh	14	15	3	31	112	111	111
Montreal	12	16	5	29	109	116	116
Boston	11	15	5	27	87	111	111
Ottawa	8	17	2	23	74	92	92
Western Conference		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	10	10	7	33	89	73	73
Detroit	17	10	5	39	93	93	93
St. Louis	15	17	1	31	94	108	108
Chicago	14	16	3	31	83	84	84
Phoenix	13	15	4	30	82	95	95
Toronto	13	20	2	26	96	116	116
Pacific Division		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	15	14	1	31	96	94	94
Vancouver	14	16	3	31	108	101	101
Edmonton	14	16	3	31	87	103	103
Los Angeles	12	17	4	28	80	90	90
Calgary	12	17	4	28	80	90	90
Anaheim	11	16	5	27	90	105	105
San Jose	11	16	4	26	78	103	103

TUESDAY'S RESULTS:

Hartford 5, St. Louis 3
Boston 6, Pittsburgh 4
N.Y. Islanders 4, Los Angeles 3
Colorado 4, Detroit 3
Phoenix 4, Washington 3
Toronto 6, San Jose 3

Lowly Grizzlies bring Rockets down to earth

VANCOUVER (Reuters) - Bryant Reeves hit a 10-footer with 5.8 seconds left to vault the lowly Vancouver Grizzlies to a 93-92 upset over the Midwest-leading Houston Rockets.

"This is the biggest win we could get," Reeves said.

Vancouver, paced by rookie Sharief Abdul-Rahim's 22 points, improved to 5-20.

Hakeem Olajuwon's turnaround jumper at the buzzer from the left baseline failed to hit the rim. "This is the nature of the game, this is the NBA," said Olajuwon, who had 23 points and 14 rebounds for Houston (21-3).

"Five players for each team. There's a lot of talent on the floor and you have to respect that talent."

The Rockets played without star forward Charles Barkley, who missed his second game with a sprained right ankle.

Bulls 129, Lakers 123
Toni Kukoc led a ferocious Bulls' charge from a 22-point

deficit as host Chicago rallied to score an overtime win over the Los Angeles Lakers and Shaquille O'Neal in a showdown of division leaders.

Kukoc bombed away from long range to score 20 of his season-high 31 points in the fourth quarter and overtime while the Bulls applied stifling defensive pressure, holding O'Neal without a point for the final 23 minutes.

"We didn't quit," said Kukoc. "We hustled every play until the end."

Scottie Pippen scored 35 points and Michael Jordan added 30 for the Bulls. Nick Van Exel scored 36 points to lead the Lakers, who were on fire until the tide-turning last quarter.

"They came back in the fourth quarter and put a lot of pressure on us," Van Exel said. "I didn't handle the ball well and that is what hurt us. To have this game and lose it is very tough, this one will sting for a while."

Chicago, as far back as 19 points



Toronto Raptors center Sharone Wright dunks the ball. (Reuters)

in the fourth quarter, mounted a final push after trailing by 13 with 4:50 to play.

The Bulls pulled into a 114-114 tie on a three-pointer by Kukoc with 47 seconds left. The Lakers (18-8) took the lead 33 seconds later on a drive by Van Exel, but Kukoc made two free throws with seven seconds left to force overtime.

A three-pointer by Kukoc with 1:37 remaining in overtime gave the NBA champions their first lead of the game, 123-121.

Kukoc stepped up for Jordan, who shot 10-of-32 from the field. O'Neal had 27 points and 13 rebounds, but did not score after making a 12-footer with 6:57 left in the third quarter.

"Toni surprises everyone including me," said Chicago (21-3) coach Phil Jackson. "He is the

streakiest player in the NBA. He is the best player at running hot and cold. Without his hot hand tonight we do not win."

Kniks 99, Jazz 94
Chris Childs scored 24 points, including a tie-breaking, three-point shot with 30 seconds to go to give the Knicks their seventh straight win.

Childs, who scored 22 points after halftime, broke a 94-94 tie with his long-range jumper. After a Utah miss, Childs was fouled and sank two free throws to ice it.

Raptors 97, Nets 88
Walt Williams scored 24 points and Damon Stoudamire scored 14 of his 17 in the fourth quarter as Toronto snapped a four-game losing streak and won its first road game this season.

NBA Scoring leaders

	G	FG	FT	Pt	Avg
Jordan, CHI	24	278	158	739	30.8
O'Neal, LAL	26	278	113	665	27.7
Malone, UTH	22	218	128	551	25.5
Sprewell, GS	2	186	169	613	24.5
Olajuwon, HOU	20	178	116	472	23.6
Kemp, SEA	26	206	181	588	23.0
Baker, MIL	19	162	101	428	22.6
Robinson, MIL	21	179	87	469	22.3
Gugliotta, MEM	23	178	148	508	22.1
Richmond, SAC	24	189	115	529	22.0
Payton, SEA	25	222	89	594	21.7
King, NY	22	178	112	471	21.4
Miller, IND	21	146	100	449	21.1
Walt, DET	21	180	111	498	20.8
Stoudamire, TOR	23	168	88	477	20.7
Barkley, HOU	21	136	133	433	20.6
Rice, CHA	20	148	65	404	20.2
Webber, WSH	22	187	54	437	19.9
Williams, SEA	21	141	83	410	19.5
Galling, DET	21	152	102	406	19.4

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miami	16	6	.750	
New York	16	6	.727	1
Washington	11	11	.500	6
Orlando	9	10	.474	6
Philadelphia	7	16	.304	10
New Jersey	5	14	.283	10
Boston	5	17	.227	12
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	21	3	.875	
Detroit	18	4	.818	2
Atlanta	14	6	.836	6
Cleveland	14	6	.836	6
Minnesota	13	8	.591	7
San Antonio	13	10	.565	7
St. Louis	10	11	.476	9
Phoenix	8	16	.333	13

3 Peres loyalists pledge to support Barak

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THREE MKs of Labor leader Shimon Peres's camp are expected to announce soon that they support MK Ehud Barak's bid for the party leadership. The three are Dalia Itzik, Rafi Eitan and Rafi Oshana. Itzik said in an interview on Erev Hadash Tuesday that she has not made up her mind yet which candidate to support and is having meetings with all of them. She said she has already met MKs Efraim Sneh and Yossi Beilin, but has not met Barak. Itzik admitted, however, that "Barak is an excellent candidate. Maybe I am on my way towards him. I don't know yet. I may not decide to support anyone right now."

"I admire and worship Peres," she said. "I think he is a wonderful leader. His decision not to contend for leadership is very difficult for me to accept and I'm still in a process of formulating my opinion."

MK Uzi Baram intends to announce at the end of the month whether he will contend for Labor's leadership, or join Barak's camp, perhaps as his deputy. Baram, who has been holding regular, lengthy meetings with Barak at the Knesset,

said over the weekend that contrary to the opinion of some party members, "Barak is not at all like Bibi." Nevertheless, the Barak-Baram team is jokingly dubbed in the party as "the B.B. force."

Baram, who enjoys considerable support in the Arab sector, is being urged by Arab activists in Labor to join Barak rather than run for leadership himself. Arab figures are telling him "victory is the main thing," yesterday's *Ha'aretz* reported. Baram said he was surprised by this and estimated the Arab sector has undergone a deep change in its way of thinking, "because of the tremendous blow they received from Netanyahu."

Three other MKs who supported Peres, Eli Ben-Menahem, Salah Tarif and Shalom Simhon, have joined Barak.

Meanwhile, Peres is trying to persuade MKs who support him to transfer their support to MK Yossi Beilin for the party's leadership, rather than Barak.

MK Yael Dayan, who formerly said she would help Beilin in the primaries, said this week she supports Barak. Dayan also urged Barak and MK Haim Ramon to get together to form a "winning team."



Members of the IDF's missing soldiers unit yesterday interview persons who were in the vicinity of Tzrifin base on September 9, when soldier Sharon Edri disappeared. Last night police announced that a taxi driver had come forward and testified he had seen Edri waiting for a ride at the roadside that night. (IDF Spokesman)

Labor negotiations at Haifa Chemicals break down

DAVID RUDGE and Tim

NEGOTIATIONS between management and workers of the troubled Haifa Chemicals factory broke down yesterday only a few hours after they resumed, once again raising the level of tension at the bayside plant.

The talks broke up after representatives of the works committees demanded that management reduce the number of security guards at the factory.

This followed the riots on Monday night in which eight workers were injured in clashes with security guards hired by management to ensure the transport of ammonia from the factory's wharf to the Haifa Chemicals plant in the south, near Beersheba.

Management refused the works committee's demands, and the negotiations folded, although Histadrut officials expressed hope they would resume today.

Yesterday the Histadrut announced it would boycott the plant and its affiliate in the South

beginning Sunday morning if the dispute is not settled by then.

At an emergency meeting called by the Histadrut in Tel Aviv, attended by all the works committees involved in the chemicals industry, it was decided that trains would not carry raw materials to the plant, plants would not supply the materials, and dock workers would not unload materials for the plant. There are plans to hold a demonstration Sunday at Haifa Chemicals' plant in the South aimed at preventing the transfer of materials out of the plant.

Baruch Zaltz, head of the Histadrut's Haifa and district branch, met with representatives of works committees at factories in the South yesterday to discuss plans for paralyzing the Haifa Chemicals plant there in the event of a stalemate in the talks with management of the bay-

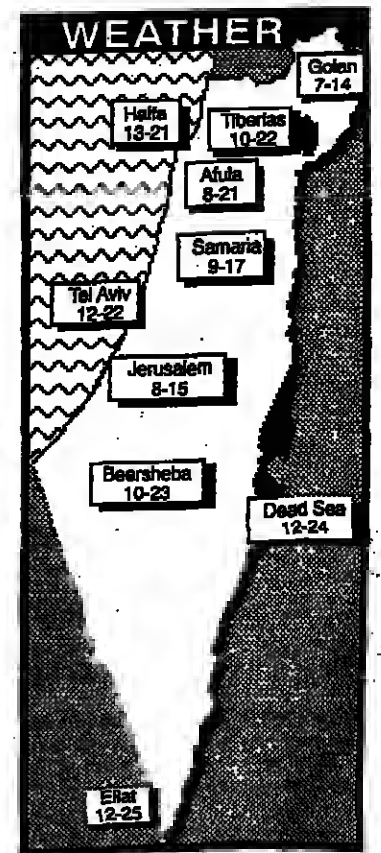
side factory.

The Histadrut is also demanding details of the decision by the Trade and Industry Ministry's investment center to grant \$5 million to help expand the Haifa Chemicals factory in the South.

Zaltz said that if the details were not forthcoming, the Histadrut would petition the High Court of Justice to cancel the decision.

He revealed that the Histadrut is also considering hiring security guards to protect the striking workers at the Haifa bayside factory, if the deadlock in the negotiations continues.

The workers, backed by the Histadrut, are pressing for a new collective labor agreement. Management wants to annul the agreement in order to implement sweeping changes, including cutting the 500-strong workforce by over 100 employees, to enable the company to compete in overseas markets.



AROUND THE WORLD

Low	High	Forecast
Amsterdam	42	cloudy
Berlin	38	cloudy
Bombay	28	rain
Buenos Aires	17	rain
Calcutta	28	rain
Chicago	10	rain
Copenhagen	31	rain
Frankfurt	37	rain
Geneva	37	rain
Helsinki	11	rain
Hong Kong	17	rain
Jaipur	13	rain
London	47	rain
Los Angeles	58	rain
Madrid	47	rain
Moscow	24	rain
Montreal	19	rain
Mumbai	28	rain
New York	48	rain
Paris	45	rain
Peking	41	rain
Shanghai	41	rain
Singapore	27	rain
Tokyo	51	rain
Toronto	20	rain
Vancouver	34	rain
Zurich	37	rain

Soldiers decorated for bravery during September riots

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE Southern Command decorated four officers and a sergeant yesterday for their brave and professional actions during September's bloody clashes with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

OC South Maj-Gen. Shlomo Yanil handed out citations to the five men at a ceremony at the Southern Command headquarters near Beersheba, attended by their families and fellow soldiers.

"I am very proud of my son. He is very conscientious and responsible," said Jack Katzenel, whose son Lt. Ehud Katzenel received a citation for his treatment of wounded soldiers during the fire-fight at Netzarim Junction September 24.

Katzenel, who immigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, said his son, a doctor in a Givati battalion, had never been in battle before, but didn't hesitate to treat the soldiers wounded about him.

"His medic had been hit in the head. He had never been under fire before and rushed to the APC to give emergency treatment," Katzenel said. "He then was told of another wounded soldier in the observation tower and he ran up the tower, bullets singing around him, and found the man there badly bleeding. Both wounded men had been hit by snipers."

Lt. Katzenel was cited for his treating the wounded while under fire with professionalism and presence of mind. "I have this feeling that he looks very young, but this incident has made him older and more mature. The experience affects people in that way," said the elder Katzenel, a reporter for a foreign news agency.

Others receiving citations were Maj. Mustafa Didan, who took over as acting commander of liaison with the Palestinians after his commander was severely wounded. He is credited with calming the tensions and mediating a ceasefire "under fire and at great risk to himself without losing his cool."

"His determination to reach a solution by seeking to the mission aided greatly to calming the situation and preventing its escalation," his citation said.

Givati Capt. Yuval Winkler was cited for his leadership, professionalism and command of his company at the Netzarim Junction during the riots. Platoon commander 1st Lt. Dan Talmi was also recognized for his leadership and control at his Gaza Strip outpost.

Company medic 1st Sgt. Meir Yamin was given a citation for treating and evacuating wounded soldiers under fire while he himself also was wounded.

Ne'eman trial set for next month

THE trial of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman will begin on January 29 in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Three judges will hear the case. Ne'eman is accused of perjury and obstructing justice. *Tim*

Holocaust survivors ask United States to suspend Swiss bank licenses

MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK

HOLOCAUST survivors, already locked in a lawsuit against the three major Swiss banks, have called on the Federal Reserve to suspend the banks' licenses in the US, saying the banks violated international law.

The group of survivors asked the Federal Reserve to immediately suspend the banks' American operations pending a full investigation of the banks' "complicity with the Nazi regime and their continued delay and obfuscation" regarding dormant Holocaust-era accounts, said Richard Lewis, an attorney with the Washington law firm of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll.

"No banking institution should be permitted the privilege of conducting business in this country which has committed and participated in the commission of violations of international law," said a letter to William McDonough, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting the suspension.

Although Switzerland has now acknowledged some misconduct, "their present scrambling cannot and should not obviate the imposition of sanctions for their unlawful behavior," the Cohen, Milstein letter said.

The firm is representing a group of survivors who in October filed a class action lawsuit in US federal court against the three largest Swiss banks - Union Bank of Switzerland, Swiss Bank Corporation and Credit Suisse.

"The [wartime] acts of these banks, yet to be fully disclosed, should not be condoned by US banking regulation. To do so perpetuates an injustice to US citizens who were victims of the Holocaust," the firm said in a letter.

There was no immediate comment from the Federal Reserve, which regulates the US banking industry, or from the attorneys

representing the Swiss banks.

The legal wrangling is occurring as the World Jewish Restitution Organization is seeking an unspecified financial settlement with the Swiss. However, the lawsuit overshadows the private Swiss banks-Jewish negotiations, and a federal judge could block any settlement between the WJRO and the banks until the lawsuit is resolved, observers said yesterday.

"A deal between the banks and the [WJRO] doesn't make the litigation go away," said one observer, who declined to be named.

Meanwhile, a committee, led by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, is overseeing an audit of the dormant accounts in Swiss banks. That audit has a mandate negotiated by the bankers and the WJRO.

"The Volcker Committee is very important and serves an important function," Lewis told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. However, he said, the mandate is limited in scope and says nothing about how to satisfy claims.

Six Swiss banks operate in the US, according to recent testimony in Congress by the Swiss Bankers Association. These banks employ 6,000 people and paid more than \$100 million in US taxes in 1994.

Switzerland professed to be neutral during World War II, but "it failed abysmally in its behavior," the firm's letter said. In addition, during the war, Swiss banks transferred funds to New York and refused to disclose the depositors' names, effectively cloaking the funds, in violation of US law, the letter said.

There were two class-action suits filed in US federal court in October against the banks. The Cohen, Milstein suit contends that the banks illegally conspired and collaborated with the Nazis by hiding, cloaking, liquidating and laundering looted assets.

Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the eight of spades, the seven of hearts, the king of diamonds and the 10 of clubs.

Opposition MKs lash Netanyahu's first half year

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset marked six months of Binyamin Netanyahu's government with a blistering attack from the opposition.

There were seven motions to the agenda in the Knesset plenum, with titles like: "Half a year of worrying amateurism" (Ehud Barak, Labor) and "deterioration in all spheres" (Anat Maor, Meretz).

Each motion was answered separately. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi made his own counter-attack.

Hanegbi said the question should be how the government compared to that of the six months preceding its accession. "Let's take the diplomatic process as a test. I can sum up what happened in this field [in the final months of Shimon Peres's leadership] as 'nothing.' No agreements were made, no developments were made, everything was stuck. It was not blessed with even the most 'miserly' achievement," Hanegbi said.

He said there had been no progress with Syria. Peres had failed to carry out the Hebron agreement; the closure of the territories had been enforced, and Operation Grapes of Wrath had forced Galilee residents to leave their homes without achieving anything in return.

Hanegbi said the Western Wall Tunnel had been operated and developed under the Labor government. "Didn't you intend to ultimately make the [Jew] exit?" he said.

He also said all US administrations since 1967 had opposed settlements - even under Labor rule.

Uzi Baram (Labor) described Netanyahu as leading the country to war. "Bibi Netanyahu is a political car crash on the road to peace," Baram said.

Baram again raised the Western Wall Tunnel affair, describing the prime minister as a "security risk."

"I've tried not to use strong terms, but Bibi is dangerous for Israel. What happened this week in the relations between the prime minister and the security establishment, particularly the General Security Service, is a security risk to the State of Israel."

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Korman pleads innocent

NAHUM Korman pleaded innocent yesterday to the charge of manslaughter in the death of an 11-year-old Palestinian boy he chased after an October stonethrowing incident. Korman, the security officer of Hadar-Beitar, entered the plea at the beginning of his trial yesterday in Jerusalem District Court. *Tim*

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